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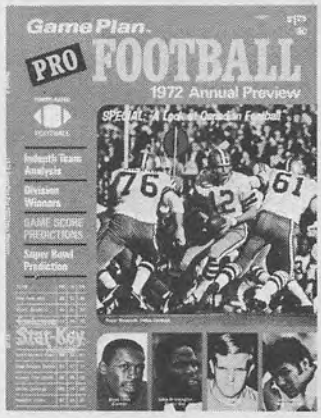

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Friday, July 28
(pre-season) Dallas Cowboys vs. College All-Stars (Chicago)

Saturday, July 29
(pre-season) New York Giants at Kansas City

Sunday, Aug. 27
(pre-season) Los Angeles at Kansas City

Monday, Sept. 18
Washington at Minnesota

Monday, Sept. 25
Kansas City at New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 2
New York Giants at Philadelphia

Monday, Oct. 9
Oakland at Houston

Monday, Oct. 16
Green Bay at Detroit

Monday, Oct. 23
Minnesota at Chicago

Monday, Oct. 30
Detroit at Dallas

Monday, Nov. 6
Baltimore at New England

Monday, Nov. 13
Cleveland at San Diego

Monday, Nov. 20
Atlanta at Washington

Monday, Nov. 27
St. Louis at Miami

Monday, Dec. 4
Los Angeles at San Francisco

Monday, Dec. 11
New York Jets at Oakland

Schedule of CBS-TV Games

Friday, Aug. 25
(pre-season) Washington at Detroit

Saturday, Sept. 2
(pre-season) Dallas at Kansas City

Sunday, Sept. 10
(pre-season) Minnesota at Miami

Sunday, Sept. 17
Atlanta at Chicago
Philadelphia at Dallas
Green Bay at Cleveland
New York Giants at Detroit
St. Louis at Baltimore
New Orleans at Los Angeles

Sunday, Sept. 24
Atlanta at New England
Dallas at New York Giants
Los Angeles at Chicago
Minnesota at Detroit
St. Louis at Washington
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Atlanta at New Orleans
Dallas at Baltimore
Chicago at Cleveland
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Minnesota at Denver
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Washington at St. Louis

Sunday, Oct. 22
Atlanta vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)
Dallas at Washington
New Orleans at San Francisco
St. Louis at New York Giants
Philadelphia at Kansas City

Sunday, Oct. 29
San Francisco at Atlanta
Chicago at St. Louis
Minnesota at Green Bay
Los Angeles at Oakland
Philadelphia at New Orleans
Washington at New York Giants

Sunday, Nov. 5
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Dallas at San Diego
San Francisco vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)
Chicago at Detroit
New Orleans at Minnesota
St. Louis at Philadelphia
Washington at New York Jets

Sunday, Nov. 12
New Orleans at Atlanta
St. Louis at Dallas
Detroit at Minnesota
Green Bay at Chicago
Philadelphia at Houston
New York Giants at Washington

Sunday, Nov. 19
Dallas at Philadelphia
Green Bay at Houston
Minnesota at Los Angeles
New Orleans at Detroit
New York Giants at St. Louis
San Francisco at Chicago

Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 23
San Francisco at Dallas

Sunday, Nov. 26
Green Bay at Washington
Los Angeles at New Orleans
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at New York Giants

Sunday, Dec. 3
Chicago at Minnesota
Dallas at St. Louis
Detroit at Green Bay
New Orleans at New York Jets
Washington at Philadelphia
New York Giants at Cincinnati

Saturday, Dec. 9
Washington at Dallas

Sunday, Dec. 10
Atlanta at San Francisco
Chicago at Philadelphia
Detroit at Buffalo
Green Bay at Minnesota
Los Angeles at St. Louis

Saturday, Dec. 16
Minnesota at San Francisco

Sunday, Dec. 17
Chicago at Oakland
New York Giants at Dallas
Detroit at Los Angeles
Green Bay at New Orleans
Philadelphia at St. Louis

Saturday, Dec. 23
National Conference Playoff

Sunday, Dec. 24
National Conference Playoff

Sunday, Dec. 31
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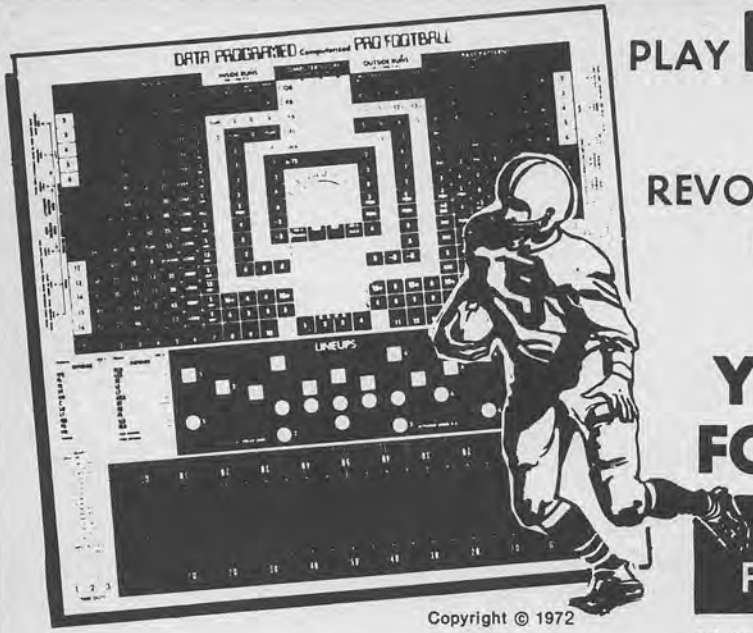

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San Diego at San Francisco

Sunday, Sept. 24
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Houston at Miami
New York Jets at Baltimore
Oakland at Green Bay
Denver at San Diego

Sunday, Oct. 1
Baltimore at Buffalo
Cincinnati at Cleveland
New York Jets at Houston
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Kansas City at Denver
Miami at Minnesota
San Diego at Oakland

Sunday, Oct. 8
Miami at New York Jets
Denver at Cincinnati
Kansas City at Cleveland
New England at Buffalo
San Diego at Baltimore
Pittsburgh at Dallas

Sunday, Oct. 15
New York Jets at New England
San Diego at Miami
Houston at Pittsburgh
Cincinnati at Kansas City
Buffalo at Oakland

Sunday, Oct. 22
Baltimore at New York Jets
Buffalo at Miami
New England at Pittsburgh
San Diego at Detroit
Cleveland at Houston
Cincinnati at Los Angeles
Denver at Oakland

Sunday, Oct. 29
New England at New York Jets
Pittsburgh at Buffalo
Houston at Cincinnati
Miami at Baltimore
Cleveland at Denver
Kansas City at San Diego

Sunday, Nov. 5
Denver at New York Giants
Miami at Buffalo
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Houston at Cleveland
Oakland at Kansas City

Sunday, Nov. 12
Buffalo at New York Jets
New England at Miami
Oakland at Cincinnati
Kansas City at Pittsburgh
Denver at Los Angeles
Baltimore at San Francisco

Sunday, Nov. 19
New York Jets at Miami
Buffalo at New England
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
San Diego at Kansas City
Oakland at Denver

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23
New York Jets at Detroit

Sunday, Nov. 26
Denver at Atlanta
Buffalo at Cleveland
New England at Baltimore
Cincinnati at Chicago
Houston at San Diego
Kansas City at Oakland

Sunday, Dec. 3
Miami at New England
Houston at Atlanta
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Buffalo at Baltimore
Denver at Kansas City
Oakland at San Diego

Saturday, Dec. 9
Cleveland at Cincinnati

Sunday, Dec. 10
Miami at New York Giants
Pittsburgh at Houston
New England at New Orleans
Baltimore at Kansas City
San Diego at Denver

Saturday, Dec. 16
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In the other bowl games they were just as accurate, tabbing all the major games correctly. The most accurate was the Sugar where the Gold Sheet picked Oklahoma by a score of 38-20. The actual score was 40-22. In the Cotton, the Gold Sheet had Penn State a 6-point underdog, winning straight up, which the Nittany Lions did. And in Miami's Orange Bowl the Gold Sheet had Nebraska rolling over Alabama which it did. The Gold Sheet gives you a conclusive summary and a predicted score. They don't tell you to give or take points. They just forecast a score, and if you're smart — you'll pick your team accordingly."

Independent Press-Telegram, Long Beach, Calif. — Jan. 2, 1972

PERFECT DAY FOR "GOLD SHEET" SEER

"National champion Nebraska and "Gold Sheet" football handicapper, Mort Olshan, had something in common Saturday — perfect form. The Cornhuskers completed a perfect season by beating Alabama in the Orange Bowl, 38-6, and they also completed a perfect day for Olshan, who not only tabbed the Nebraska triumph but Stanford's win over Michigan, Oklahoma's rout of Auburn and Penn State's upset of Texas."

The Wall Street Journal — November 12, 1971

Recently, in an article covering football information services, the Wall Street Journal referred to Mort Olshan and his Nation-Wide "Gold Sheet" and "Confidential Kick-off" services as "the oldest and largest sports information service (some 10,000 subscribers) in the country with a clientele that includes many newspapers." In the article, Nation-Wide's Mort Olshan was quoted as saying: "My customers include many high caliber professional men who are discriminating sports fans."

Sports Illustrated Magazine

Nation-Wide's Gold Sheet and Confidential Kick-off were mentioned, significantly, by nationally famous Sports Illustrated Magazine. This popular sports publication pointed out a particular issue of the Gold Sheet which led off, they mused, with the aphorism "The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong . . . but that's the way to go". Sports Illustrated went on to report, in detail, about Gold Sheet features like "Pigskin Prophecy, Key Releases, Statistics of Last Week's Games — Last Year's Games, Handi-Football Rating Chart, Key Injury Ticker and the elaborate Gridiron Log of College and Pro Games. Nation-Wide's "Confidential Kick-off", said Sports Illustrated, offered late key selections, various Classified Information and dynamite-laden, late flashes.

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A Look at Canadian Football

by Arnie Burdick

Arnie Burdick

Arnie Burdick is sports editor of the Syracuse Herald-Journal. His particular interest over the years has been football. A former President of the Football Writers Association of America, Mr. Burdick is a graduate of Syracuse University's School of Journalism and served his Alma Mater for a decade as its Athletic Publicity Director.

Wives Beware! There will be a new ball game in America this year. It's the Canadian Football League that'll be piped into U.S. homes on 21 consecutive Wednesday evenings.

The shows, which began on June 21st, are merely an expression of the rapid growth of the CFL in the past few years as well as America's seemingly insatiable appetite for football. The success of the National Football League's Monday evening shows has triggered the CFL's decision to flash its slate onto millions of screens south of the Canadian border. The CFL's telecasts are also expected to include up to seven live weekend games, ending with the famed Grey Cup Championship game on December 3rd.

If the CFL shows catch on in the prime time television ratings—and there's no reason to believe that the American football fans won't love the fast, violent Canadian action—it could lead to an expansion of the CFL into some of the larger cities in the United States. Certainly, the "Mush-to-Canada" by many well known American players in recent years should help "sell" the CFL's brand of the sport, for American fans will be able to relate immediately to many name stars whom they followed and watched develop here on college gridirons.

It was just over a year ago that the CFL's Toronto Argonauts gathered in Notre Dame's Joe Theismann, and Ohio State's All-American duo, Jim Stillwagon and Tim Anderson. The CFL's biggest coup came when the Argos signed ex-Detroit Lion quarterback Greg Barton. The migration of so many top players caused a lot of U.S. football fans to begin asking why the CFL is able to lure these players away.

"There are a lot of reasons," explained J.C. "Jake" Gaudaur, Commissioner of the thriving CFL, "but in the 14 years that I've been connected with pro football, I've learned that the signing of players basically gets

down to dollars. And with our greater drawing ability now, we're in a better position to pay.

There are other reasons why an American athlete may want to play in Canada, and these can be important considerations, too. For one, most boys want to play—they don't want any part of sitting on the bench. They know that they'll be able to play up here.

Too, our game lends itself more to the boys with speed and agility, rather than size. With our wider field . . . being able to put all backs in motion . . . linemen having to be one yard apart . . . we can get along with 225-pound linemen and linebackers. Up here, with all the wide-open play, those big 240 to 250-pound American linebackers would get killed. They wouldn't be able to cover all those fast backs."

"In addition," went on the former president and head coach of the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats, "a boy in Canada can play football and work full time. This appeals to a lot of young men who want to get started with their careers, or continue with their graduate studies at our leading universities."

"They can do both, for after the pre-season training is completed, daily practice doesn't start until five o'clock. Also, the schedule calls for only one long swing, and that's accomplished now by jet in just fifty-five minutes so a boy doesn't have to miss much work or school."

"So all these factors must be weighed carefully by the athlete and his lawyers. But in the final analysis, it usually comes down to dollars."

Gaudaur and his colleagues make no bones about the fact that the CFL has become highly competitive in the player market since the merger of the American Football League and the National Football League. This forced a cut back in salaries to both AFL and NFL players at a time when spectator interest north of the border was just beginning to boom.

"Ever since 1961 when we put in the interlocking schedule pitting Western and Eastern Conference teams," explained Public Relations Director Greg Fulton, "our attendance has been growing steadily—ten percent a year. That first season, we drew less than a million. We hit two million fans in 1970 when we enjoyed 93 percent capacity in CFL stadiums. In 1971, we averaged 97 percent attendance, and our prices are competitive with the NFL since we get $6.50 for our top tickets."

Helping to pay the salaries of the players, who make up the rosters of the nine CFL teams that now totals over $4 million a year, is the sale of CFL properties (gifts, games and clothing items) and television. CFL Properties is doing close to a million dollars in sales annually, a portion of which goes to the clubs. Meanwhile, television income keeps growing.

The league itself had been getting $1.1 million for television rights, considerably less than the one million each that the 26 NFL clubs receives from television. However, the CFL has been enterprising in its approach to the exploding community antenna (CATV) market. There are over 4,000 CATV systems in the United States, each averaging 10,000 subscribers. Video tape replays of current CFL games and old Grey Cup games were supplied to CATV, stimulating interest in the Canadian game.

"TV has helped us in other ways," concurred Fulton, "and will continue to do so. It'll make football players in the states and their friends realize that Canada isn't located above the Arctic Circle. Television has made the U.S. players aware of us. It's also made them realize that we have a good set of rules . . . that we're not static like the NFL."

In Canada, the playing field is 110 yards long and 65 yards wide, ten yards longer and 35 feet wider than the American playing field. In addition, the end zone is 25 yards deep, 15 yards more than the gridirons in the U.S.

The deep end zone takes on added importance since all kicks must be run out or a "single" (one point) is scored against the receiving team. A team also scores a single if it kicks the ball beyond the end zone, and this often serves as a deterent to tie ball games. There was only one tie in the 68 regular season CFL games last season. This is in comparison to the nine NFL deadlocks in 182 contests.

The CFL also has a number of other interesting wrinkles. Teams have only three downs to make ten yards, and there are no time outs. Also, there are 12 men per team, and when a team is attacking on offense it can put all its backs in motion. The CFL rosters allow only 32 players to suit up in contrast to the 40 that make up NFL rosters, so stamina is a bigger factor north of the border.

Of the 32 players on a team's roster, only 14 of them can be American natives, though a year ago league rules were relaxed so more U.S. quarterbacks could be imported. This led to Toronto bringing in both Theismann and Barton.

"The idea behind the change," noted Commissioner Gaudaur, "is that it provides a team with experienced depth at the vital pivot post. Now, all ten clubs can afford to carry a second imported quarterback."

"During tryout camps," explained Fulton "we probably have 300 Americans. There are probably about 60 players in each of the camps, but there are only 126 jobs available for Americans. However, the town spirit for these teams is so intense—it's a group or community deal. Sort of a Green Bay Packer thing, and I believe that this is what also appeals to a lot of the players."

There is no question but what the appeal of Canadian football and its benefits has infected many U.S. players who went north to continue their playing careers. Hundreds of them got to like the invigorating country so much that they've stayed, many of them becoming Canadian citizens. They've become steel executives . . . high school principals . . . architects . . . contractors . . . and, even promoters.

There's another factor that could be a strong influence in aiding the CFL to win the race for U.S. grid talent. "There are problems in the United States," says Toronto quarterback Greg Barton, who played out his option with the Detroit Lions last fall and decided he liked the Argonauts' $350,000 offer better than he did the prospect of playing in Philadelphia. "I found we could walk the streets of Toronto at night safely," Barton concluded.

No matter what the reasons for the move northward by so many American grid stars, it is obvious that the "Mush-to-Canada" is for real.

AN EXPERT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSCLES

Our files show that thousands of readers like yourself want to build bulging muscles and achieve real physical power like their favorite athletic champions. How to go about it? We decided to ask an expert, Dave Prowse, 3-times British Weightlifting champion and leading fitness expert. Here are his answers.

Q. *What does it take to build muscles?*

A. Basically, it takes exercise. Almost any exercise will help to develop at least some of your muscles if you keep at it long enough and hard enough.

Q. *Isn't there an easier way?*

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training method that is also fast and easy—the one I use and recommend—the new Bullworker system.

Q. *What's that?*

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new muscle-building exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases strength up to four times faster than conventional methods. In my opinion, it's the most advanced training system in the world today. Many leading athletes use it: World-famous Heavyweight Boxer Muhammad Ali, World Heavyweight Judo Champion Wim Ruska, and Cycling Champion Eddy Merckx, to name only a few.

Q. *How long does Bullworker training take?*

A. Bullworker provides absolutely the fastest kind of exercise possible. In fact, an introduction training program takes only 70 seconds a day. No other system—weightlifting, pulleys, or strenuous calisthenics—can give you results so quickly and easily. On the contrary, many old-fashioned methods take hours of sweaty, boring work each day... and it's often months before you begin to see improvements. Busy professional athletes and champions don't have time for that. Nobody does.

Q. *How long does it take before you begin getting results?*

A. With the Bullworker, you can actually begin to see and measure the positive results right from the very first day! Thanks to a built-in measuring device called the Powermeter. After every exercise you just check the reading to see exactly how much your strength has increased from the day before. There's no guesswork involved. Isometric Bullworker training can increase your power at the amazing rate of up to 4% per week! That means a 50% increase in strength in the first three months alone. And I've known many young men who have gone on to double and even triple their strength.

Jack Barclay, junior Mr. Europe shows the kind of results he achieved with Isometric Bullworker training.

Dave Prowse, 3-time British Weightlifting champion, demonstrates a super-effective 7-second exercise for building powerful biceps... using the new Bullworker with built-in powermeter.

Q. *What do those figures mean in visual terms?*

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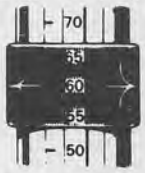

Q. *But to get such impressive results, don't you have to work very hard?*

A. Absolutely not. That's the outstanding advantage of Isometric training... it's so amazingly easy! Each "Static-power" Isometric exercise takes *only 7 seconds,* and you barely have to move. It's not even necessary to disrobe. The Bullworker is so light and compact, it can be used at home, in the office, anywhere... even while watching TV! It's a great improvement over bulky, expensive weights, bicycle machines, pulleys, etc.

Q. *Can Bullworker training even develop bodies which are weak and skinny, or fat and flabby?*

A. Definitely! It's been proven by thousands of men of every shape, size and age all over the world. Bullworker training helps transform weak, thin arms into rippling, muscular pillars of strength, build broad, powerful shoulders, turn flat, shallow chests into deep, manly ones, forge loose stomach flab into steel-hard, well-defined muscle... build that "V" shape of a real athlete, develop sturdy, contoured thighs and calves.... And all this in *record time!*

What's more, I've known skinny, shy fellows who, after just a few short weeks with Bullworker, turned into real go-getters... every inch a man... bowling girls over with their dynamism, confidence, and new found power! You really have to see the remarkable effects of Bullworker for yourself to believe them!

Q. *How can our readers find out more about the Bullworker, perhaps actually try it for themselves?*

A. I understand that the Bullworker distributor in the USA is now making it available—free—on a two week home-trial basis in order to introduce it to the general public. If your readers are interested in developing their bodies, in building muscles and strength faster than ever before possible, I suggest that they contact the US distributor for full details.

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The Stat-Key™ Annual

The Stat-Key Annual is designed to measure the potential of football teams in terms of rated "power." It was developed and tested in previous seasons by the GamePlan Analysts. The Stat-Key Annual appears in GamePlan Magazines to enhance the fan's enjoyment of the game of professional football by emphasizing the factors which affect the outcome of competition. The Stat-Key Table on page 15 rates the scoring potential of all 26 teams in the National Football League.

The Stat-Key Annual enables the fan to estimate point differences between the scores of opposing teams. The Offensive and Defensive ratings enable the fan to estimate the score of each of two opposing teams—an Instant PrePlay of a game. The Stat-Key Annual allows the fan to readily compare and analyze the power of competing teams prior to game play. It offers the fan a key to the analysis of professional football.

Developing the Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each of the 26 teams has a Power Rating, an Offensive Rating and a Defensive Rating. These ratings are developed between football seasons by the GamePlan Analysts. In developing the Stat-Key Annual, the analysts thoroughly evaluate the factors that they feel most strongly influence (and reflect) a professional football team's scoring ability:

1. Each team's scoring record and final power ratings from the previous season.
2. Retirements, trades and age factors.
3. A careful evaluation of the rookie crop.
4. Strength of schedule.
5. Each team's detailed statistics from previous season play.
6. Changes in coaching staff (and coaching methods).

The above factors are evaluated and quantified. Factors such as "scoring record," "losses and gains in key players," and "strength of opponents" are weighed more heavily than others. A relatively complicated process of analysis follows and eventually refined ratings (printed in the Stat-Key Table) are developed. These ratings, then, represent each team's potential in terms of rated power at the start of the 1972 season.

No system can predict the outcome of football competition precisely. There are simply too many variables, many developing during actual game play. The excitement and spontaneity of football are indeed the main reasons for its great popularity as a spectator sport. Thus, the Stat-Key Annual is designed to: 1) provide the fan with basic estimates of team strength, which reflect a team's scoring ability under totally neutral conditions; 2) make the fan aware of those factors (other than team strength) which influence the outcome of games; 3) encourage the fan to draw on his own knowledge of the game, and to employ his own judgment, in weighing influencing factors; and 4) enable the fan to derive greater overall pleasure and satisfaction during the season.

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Using The Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, Each team has three ratings:

Power Rating (PR)
Offensive Rating (OR)
Defensive Rating (DR)

These ratings, allow the user to:

I. Estimate the PROBABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCORES of opposing teams.

The Power Rating of the lower rated team is deducted from the Power Rating of the higher rated team. The result is the number of points by which the higher rated team is expected to win.

Example: Detroit Power Rating.....112
NY Giant Power Rating.....101
Detroit to win by 11
points.

II. Get an Instant Preplay of a game (estimate the PROBABLE SCORE of each of two opposing teams).

The Offensive Rating of a given team, minus the Defensive Rating of its opponent is the estimated score for the given team.

Example: Detroit Offensive Rating.....67
Giant Defensive Rating.....40
Detroit to score 27
points.

Giant Offensive Rating.....61
Detroit Defensive Rating.....45
Giants to score 16
points.

The Instant PrePlay (estimated game score) is then,
Detroit 27, NY Giants 16.

Stat-Key Rating Table
for National Football League
Includes Conference, Division Ranking for Start of 1972 Season

PR = Power Rating OR = Offensive Rating DR = Defensive Rating

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CONF. AVG. PR = 108.9	PR	OR	DR
Eastern Division **DIV. AVG. PR = 108.9**			
Dallas Cowboys	**117**	69	48
Washington Redskins	**113**	67	46
Philadelphia Eagles	**106**	65	41
New York Giants	**101**	61	40
St. Louis Cardinals	**101**	61	40
Central Division **DIV. AVG. PR = 109.5**			
Minnesota Vikings	**117**	68	49
Detroit Lions	**112**	67	45
Green Bay Packers	**106**	64	42
Chicago Bears	**103**	61	42
Western Division **DIV. AVG. PR = 109.7**			
Los Angeles Rams	**113**	67	46
San Francisco 49ers	**113**	68	45
Atlanta Falcons	**110**	66	44
New Orleans Saints	**103**	63	40

AMERICAN CONFERENCE CONF. AVG. PR = 108.3	PR	OR	DR
Eastern Division **DIV. AVG. PR = 108.0**			
Baltimore Colts	**115**	65	50
Miami Dolphins	**113**	68	45
New England Patriots	**106**	65	41
New York Jets	**106**	63	43
Buffalo Bills	**100**	61	39
Central Division **DIV. AVG. PR = 106.7**			
Cincinnati Bengals	**110**	65	45
Pittsburgh Steelers	**107**	64	43
Cleveland Browns	**107**	65	42
Houston Oilers	**103**	62	41
Western Division **DIV. AVG. PR = 110.2**			
Oakland Raiders	**113**	68	45
Kansas City Chiefs	**112**	66	46
San Diego Chargers	**110**	68	42
Denver Broncos	**106**	63	43

Adjusting Stat-Key™ Estimates

The final outcome of a football game is influenced by many factors other than team strength. Meaning each game will be played with a number of elements affecting it. The pro game is affected by many of the same things that influence college games, such as home team advantage, strength of opponents on the schedule, weather and injuries. But there is one factor that is unique to pro ball: the professional player.

The professional football player, unlike his college counterpart, is playing the game for a living. He knows that inconsistency—failure to do his job and do it well—jeopardizes his pay check.

This player is a professional, trained in his trade. Because he is a professional among professionals, there is less of an ability gap among pro players than among college players. For example, if Cornell were to play Arkansas 100 times this fall, on Cornell's home field or on a neutral field, the Cornellians would undoubtedly lose all 100 encounters. In contrast, on any given day the Buffalo Bills could travel to Dallas and defeat the Cowboys.

Other factors that may affect pro games include:

Home Team Advantage

A home team has an advantage over an opponent by being more familiar with the field, surroundings and local climate. Ardent supporters in the stands and not having to travel add to the advantage.

Strength of Opponents Played

A team accustomed to playing strong teams often will have an advantage over a team with weaker competition. This factor may reflect the edge the National Football Conference is reputed to have over the American Conference.

Weather

Bad weather (rain, sleet, snow, wind) may equalize the performances of teams with unequal scoring ability. Generally, bad weather reduces the scoring of both teams, though poor conditions may have less effect on teams with well-balanced offenses than teams depending mainly on either passing or rushing.

Personnel Changes

Losing players by injuries or suspension can definitely hamper a team's effectiveness. A player's performance may also be affected by good or adverse publicity and personal problems.

Rivalry

Long-standing "grudge" games such as those between Green Bay-Chicago, Los Angeles-San Francisco and Kansas City-Oakland often produce upsets because of deep emotions developed over many years.

The more important the factors, the more they will affect the accuracy of the Stat-Key estimated score. Basic estimates should be adjusted to a certain extent because of the outside factors which may even be strong enough to cause an upset. The point advantage for a given factor generally is from 1 to 10, depending on the amount of the influence. An example of the adjustments is given below.

Weekly updating is an all important aspect of the Stat-Key Annual because the scoring potential of professional football teams will usually undergo changes as the season progresses. Since each team's present ratings are based on their 1971 performance, as modified by evaluations of pre-season personnel changes, the accuracy of the present ratings can be justified only after actual game competition. It will be necessary to update the ratings after each week of play.

The GamePlan Analysts perform weekly analyses of all games between the 26 rated teams. Many factors, including pre-game variables, are taken into account in determining updating requirements. To expect the reader to perform such complex weekly analysis would be out of line with our intention to keep the Stat-Key easy to use. To overcome this problem we have devised a simple formula employing the chart (opposite page) to accomplish "ball park" updating. While this method is not exactly the same as that employed by the GamePlan Analysts, the very nature of the simplified process (Difference Splitting) brings the updated ratings closer to actual team strength after each week of play.

Stat-Key System In Use

Detroit	112	Power Rating
N.Y. Giants	101	Power Rating
Detroit favored by	11	points
Detroit home advantage	+3	points
Detroit to win by	14	points

(Lions appear primed to finally play up to past notices. Giants, after trading Tarkenton, are likely to lose more than just the Scrambler.)

Detroit	67	OR
Giants	40	DR
Detroit to score	27	points

Giants	61	OR
Detroit	45	DR
Giants to score	16	points

Score expected to vary by +3 points in Detroit's favor.

Updating Stat-Key™ System

The Updating Procedure

The updating procedure is based on the variance (error) between estimated and actual differences in scores (or how far off the estimates were from actual scores). Note that adjustment factors (explained on previous page) need not be taken into account in updating the basic ratings.

Updating is achieved with the easy to use chart on this page. The chart shows the number of points to be added to or deducted from team ratings for a given variance between the estimated and actual difference in scores.

Example:

From Stat-Key Power Ratings:
Detroit to win over
Giants by 11 points

Hypothetical Result of Game
If Detroit won by 17 points

Then Detroit won by 6 points more than estimated (variance). The chart shows that the amount of correction to ratings for a 6 point variance is:

Power Rating.....1 point
Offensive Rating.....1 point
Defensive Rating.....0 points

These amounts are added to the ratings of the team that the variance was in favor of (Detroit), and subtracted from the ratings of the other team (Giants).

Thus, the ratings here would be updated as follows:

Detroit	PR	OR	DR
original ratings	112	67	45
updated ratings	113	68	45

Giants	PR	OR	DR
original ratings	101	61	40
updated ratings	100	60	40

VARIANCE:	POINT CHANGE		
	in Power Rating	in Offensive Rating	in Defensive Rating
0 to 4	0	0	0
5 to 9	1	1	0
10 to 14	2	1	1
15 to 19	3	2	1
20+	4	2	2

Note: There is less need for adjustment as the season progresses. It is recommended that *the amount of adjustment be limited to a maximum of 3 points after the fifth game, and 2 points after the eighth game of the season for each team.*

To make the Stat-Key easier to use, we recommend the reader make up simple forms, similar in design to the Stat-Key Table. If updating is accomplished properly, the reader will need no further assitance to enjoy the use of the Stat-Key system for the entire season. (For those readers who do not have the inclination or time to keep the Stat-Key updated and to adjust its estimates on a weekly and game by game basis, and for those who desire greater accuracy in updating and adjustment, GamePlan offers a weekly service throughout the season as advertised on page 18).

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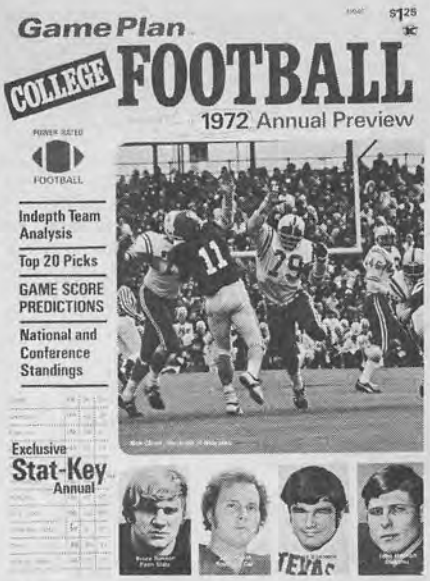

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1973 Super Bowl Preview

by Gene Duffey

Gene Duffey is 25 years old. He is a 1969 graduate of Syracuse University's School of Journalism, and is now employed as a sports' writer by the Rochester Times-Union.

A phone rings three times in the apartment in Oakland, California.

"Hello."

"Daryle?"

"Yeah."

"This is Fran."

"Hey Tark, how you doin'?"

"Not bad. I heard you had a great year out there Daryle."

"Sure did. Best ever. Understand you didn't do bad yourself."

"I'll tell you Daryle, it sure felt good to be back in Minnesota. It's a different ball game when you're playing with those guys in purple."

"Having that 'Big D' helps a little, doesn't it?"

"Sure does. Listen Daryle, I'll tell you the reason I called. What are you doin' next Sunday?"

"Nothing special. Why?"

"Got an idea Daryle. How about you and me getting together?"

"Sure Fran, what did you have in mind, opening a taco stand?"

"Yeah, 'Daryle and Fran.' "

"Sounds more like a dance studio."

"No, seriously Daryle. Thought we might play some football."

"Okay. A little six-man touch?"

"No Daryle. I mean the real thing. I was talking with Osborn, Sharockman and the boys and we thought we should get together and decide which is the better team."

"How many guys you bringing?"

"Everybody . . . Tinglehoff, Washington, Hilgenberg, Kassulke, the whole gang. And Eller and Page are just dying to get a piece of you Daryle."

"Yeah I bet. Big Ed coming?"

"Marinaro? Yeah, he'll be there. Can you get your boys together Daryle?"

"I think so. I don't know if George can make it. The Oakland Senior Citizens Committee is dedicating a monument to him."

"Just tell him there's a game Daryle, he'll be there. How about Big Ben?"

"Who do you think the monument is?"

" 'Broadway Joe' told me to say hello to Ben before I left New York."

"I'm sure he did."

"Listen Daryle, where do you want to play this thing?"

"Certainly not in Minnesota. I'm not going to freeze my tail off up there. How about out here by the Bay?"

"No way. I don't want you to have the home crowd advantage Daryle, especially with those crazy fans you got out there."

"Well where then?"

"How about New Orleans Daryle? Roger and Bob played down there last January. Roger said he had a great time."

"Griese didn't."

"Okay Daryle, you got any ideas?"

"Why not the Coliseum in LA?"

"That's not a bad idea Daryle. Think anybody'll show up for it."

"Let's call Rozelle. He'll love the idea. Maybe one of the TV stations would broadcast it."

"If it's pro football, they'll broadcast it."

"Then I'll see you Sunday in LA Fran."

"Right Daryle. Good-bye."

"Bye."

With the bold leadership of the gangs from West Side Story, Lamonica and Tarkenton had led their teams to the Big Rumble, Super Bowl VII to you and me. The Raiders were healthy all season. Fullback Hewritt Dixon and halfback Charlie Smith shook off injuries from the previous season. Dan Conners finally became recognized as one of the league's better middle linebackers. The young Raiders, which Al Davis managed to land year after year despite Oakland's high finish in the standings, had outstanding years led by Tony Cline, Jack Tatum, Phil Villapiano and rookie John Vella. There was revenge in the never ending war with the

hated Chiefs and victory in the AFC conference championship over (Baltimore-Miami). And at last, another shot at the Super Bowl.

Minnesota was the Vikings of '69 again. The defense was devastating as always and the offense had the type of direction missing since Joe Kapp left following the championship season. Gene Washington gave the Vikes a deep threat and Dave Osborn and Clinton Jones ran behind a sound offensive line. Of course there was Alan Page and Carl Eller terrorizing quarterbacks and the hungry defense remained an offensive weapon. The Vikings beat Detroit in the Midwest Division and stopped Dallas for the NFC conference championship.

But most of all it was Lamonica and Tarkenton who had brought their teams from those frustrating seasons of the past to the big one in Los Angeles. For two quarterbacks with such contrasting styles, their careers had been strangely similar.

Lamonica, 31 years old, 6-foot-3, 215 pounds, played quarterback by the book. Lamonica, the Buffalo Bill, became a hero to the fans as a super relief pitcher, the same status Blanda would later enjoy in Oakland. Lamonica, in Buffalo, waited his chance to be number one somewhere. Lamonica, the Mad Bomber, made the entire Oakland offense go with the mere threat of his long touchdown strikes. Lamonica, the pocket passer, ran only back and forth to the sidelines in his tight fisted jog.

Tarkenton, 32 years old, 6-foot, 190 pounds, earned the nickname Scrambler for his Max Sennett style chase scenes with the then expansion Vikings. Tarkenton, the New York Giant, ran for his life for those five, long years in New York. Tarkenton, the conservative preacher's son, was constantly being compared to live-for-today Joe Namath and dubbed a loser because he didn't have that one big Super Bowl victory Joe and the Jets had. Tarkenton, the Desert Rat back in Minnesota, beat the opposition a new way every week. Tarkenton, the happy man, still ran, but now the Vikings had made it fun once again.

There have been many good seasons for Lamonica since coming to Oakland in 1967. But this one was a little different. Too many times before it had been Blanda who had grabbed the glory, coming on to bail out Lamonica and rescue the Raiders. And too often Lamonica had been injured in the big games. For every big victory Oakland won, there seemed to be a bigger one that the Raiders lost. They won the AFL title in 1967 but weren't ready for Green Bay in the Super Bowl. The next two years the Jets and Chiefs slipped by Oakland in those old AFL championship games then shocked the NFL in Super Bowls III and IV.

Tarkenton had brought immediate respectability to the Vikings in their first year. Oddly it was the trade of Tarkenton to the Giants, after five years with the gradually developing Vikings, which made Minnesota a contender. Tarkenton was sent to the desperate Giants for draft choices which produced people named Gene Washington and Clinton Jones and Ron Yary. Two years after Tarkenton left, the Vikings were in the playoffs losing a close game to NFL champion Baltimore. Then the following year, 1969, Minnesota won it all except the Super Bowl. The Vikings' power was built on defense and now Tarkenton had returned to lend some offense too.

So Super Bowl VII was a collision of two teams that had been there before—and lost. These were teams vastly different in nearly every area of the game. The Raiders were like a boxer trying to set up his opponent, jabbing, jabbing, jabbing. Then the Bomber would strike, most likely to Biletnikoff. The Vikings were still winning on defense. The rush of Page and Eller, Larsen and Marshall eventually forced a mistake, a fumble, a hurried pass, an interception. Then Tarkenton would appear like a vulture swooping down on its prey, striking swiftly, taking advantage of the turnovers the defense produced as the Vikings had never done before.

Minnesota versus Oakland.

It came down to a Sunday afternoon in the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Game was returning to the site of the first Super Bowl in 1966 which had drawn attention mostly because it was that first great meeting between the AFL and NFL rather than a contest between two pro football giants. It hadn't even filled the house. Now Minnesota and Oakland were chasing what only Green Bay, the New York Jets, Kansas City, Baltimore and Dallas had ever achieved before.

It came down to Art Shell versus Carl Eller and Jim Harvey versus Alan Page and Fred Biletnikoff versus Ed Sharockman and Marv Hubbard versus Carl Gersbach. It came down to Ed White versus Tom Keating and Dave Osborn versus Dan Conners and Stu Voight versus Jack Tatum and Gene Washington versus Willie Brown. And even reserved Bud Grant versus young John Madden.

It came down to Daryle versus Fran.

Daryle Lamonica shifted uncomfortably in a chair in his apartment. The bruises he had earned in Los Angeles would stay with him for several days. He glared at the front page of the sports section and a bold headline which seemed to stare back at him—VIKINGS ARE CHAMPS, 24-14.

Lamonica reached for the telephone and punched out a long distance number.

"Hello."

"Fran. This is Daryle."

"How you feelin' Daryle?"

"All right. I'll live."

"I got a few bumps and lumps myself, but nothing serious."

"Hey Fran. Remember that taco stand I talked to you about . . ."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Gene Washington, the great San Francisco receiver, made an appearance at a banquet in the off-season and told West Coast fans what he considered to be a bitter truth: "The Dallas Cowboys are not just the best team in pro football—they are probably the best team in the history of the NFL."

The Cowboys have made a believer out of Gene, who has been through two straight traumatic defeats by Dallas in the National Conference title games—but his theory, first voiced, by the way, by Dallas owner Clint Murchison last October, may soon have more and more adherents.

Dallas, in the manner of the Green Bay Packers, is choked with young talent trying to force its way into a starting lineup that does not include too many aged people. The Cowboys swept to the Super Bowl title on a string of ten straight victories, but they had staggered through the early part of the season as if just another also-ran, perhaps a powerful also-ran that was wasting its talent.

The Cowboys survived a weird competition at quarterback for half a year; survived the absence of their best running back for the first five games; survived the consecutive losses of four offensive tackles at the same left side position. Looking at some of the obstacles Dallas overcame, including a few of its own making, it's a wonder the Cowboys got there at all.

Now, with the bright and shiny clean slate of a new season unfolding before them, it may be difficult for the Cowboys to believe they can miss—they look better than ever. Roger Staubach goes in not only as the undisputed Number One, but also as the Super Bowl MVP quarterback. Presumably—though this may be a heady assumption—Duane Thomas will be available from the opening gun, mollified, if not made exactly ecstatic, by an increase in his 1972 paycheck.

How, then, is anybody going to catch the Cowboys—who led the NFL in offense, and allowed only one meaningless touchdown in the two playoff games and the Super Bowl?

The answer is that the other NFC powers are not exactly standing still. San

A determined Calvin Hill (35) takes a Roger Staubach handoff and prepares to follow a wall of blockers against the Vikings.

by Steve Perkins and Tom Hoffman

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Tom Hoffman is in his first year as a staff writer for GamePlan Magazines.

Francisco has discovered it could live, even thrive, without relying solely on the talents of John Brodie. Brodie had a bad year, for Brodie, and at the end his inefficiency cost the 49ers their title chance. Dick Nolan's ever-improving defense carried the team to its successful, but hairbreadth conclusion in the NFC West.

Marvelous Minnesota, whose Purple People Eaters played their mighty hearts out to save an offense that produced only 245 points, made the most dramatic move of the off-season by reclaiming Fran Tarkenton. "If," says Tom Landry, emphasizing the conditional qualifier, "the Vikings change their offense enough to turn Tarkenton loose, he can take them to the Super Bowl." Other observers, probably including Landry, would like to wait and see if the Vikings also come up with an outside running attack. Landry probably had that in mind when he noted: "Tarkenton knows how to use multiple sets and rollout passes to spread out a defense."

Right there in the Cowboys' own division is a challenger who could get it all together and make Dallas seek a wild card route to the playoffs. George Allen's "old folks home" in Washington performed with such fire last season that he was generally acknowledged as the coach of the year. It seemed incredible that Allen's team could make it to the playoffs without Sonny Jurgensen for most of the season; without a healthy Larry Brown all the way, and without Charley Taylor, proven over the past six years as one of the most-dangerous outside receivers in the conference.

Along with the Redskins, the same contenders in the other divisions will be fighting the good fight for the title and at least the wild card spot. Either Detroit or Los Angeles can be lifted to championship status by the emergence of a great individual performer or two in key roles. Detroit must improve its defense against the run, and the Rams must start knocking down some passes.

There appears to be no leeway for a darkhorse to break into the winner's circle, even though the New Orleans Saints' J. D. Roberts has boastfully announced that his team will be in the running for the Super Bowl this season. Roberts probably *believes* his Saints can beat such teams as the Cowboys, the Rams and the 49ers now and then. Maybe then, but not now.

NFC EAST

Dallas' Duane Thomas (33) is about to burst through big hole in Dolphin defense during Super Bowl VI action.

Dallas Cowboys

(11-3-0)

For the Super Bowl champions, it's a new season in more ways than one. Last fall, as they did the year before, the Cowboys limped through the early part of their schedule, then came on with a rush at the end. Two years ago, Baltimore nipped them in the title game. In Super Bowl VI, Dallas decimated Miami, proving once and for all they are "winners."

Despite the Cowboys' success, however, Tom Landry wants a change this season. "We need to make every game the ultimate of the moment," he explains, "We have to stop standing around waiting for the moment to make our move."

What Landry is afraid of is that the Cowboys may not be as lucky the third time around. "You can get your backs to the wall and come through once, even twice, and get to the championship," he claims, "but you can't expect to do it three times in a row."

So, it's a new season, and a new philosophy for the champions. Start fast, get a lead, and then maintain it for the rest of the season. That's what Landry wants, and he has a way of getting what he wants. Like Super Bowl titles.

Sitting on the throne can be a dangerous business, of course. Ask the Green Bay Packers. Or the Baltimore Colts. Everybody wants to beat the best, and the Cowboys have proved they are the best. "Every week is Super Bowl week when you play as champions," Landry says.

OFFENSE: At this time last year Landry didn't know whether or not he had a reliable quarterback. Roger Staubach has solved that quandry. Staubach completed a dazzling 58.7 percent of his passes last season, passing for 15 touchdowns. If the "Dodger" can't make it for the opening whistle, Craig Morton can always fill in. He connected on better than fifty-four percent of his aerials last season. Landry laments not having a third signal caller around just in case, which is like J. Paul Getty wishing he had another million in case of emergency.

Surprisingly, the Cowboys' top pass receiver last season was a running back—Walt Garrison, the do-everything guy who pulled in 40 passes in addition to rushing for 468 yards a year ago. The wide receivers are Bob Hayes and Lance Alworth, a duo that has so much speed they could afford to loan some to regular tight end Mike Ditka and still have plenty to spare. Ditka is backed up by rugged

Cowboys	1971 Results	Opp
49	at Buffalo	37
42	at Philadelphia	7
16	Washington	20
20	NY Giants	13
14	at New Orleans	24
44	New England	21
19	at Chicago	23
16	at St. Louis	13
20	Philadelphia	7
13	at Washington	0
28	Los Angeles	21
52	NY Jets	10
42	at NY Giants	14
31	St. Louis	12

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	Philadelphia
Sep 24	at NY Giants
Oct 1	at Green Bay (Mil.)
Oct 8	Pittsburgh
Oct 15	at Baltimore
Oct 22	at Washington
Oct 30	Detroit (n)
Nov 5	at San Diego
Nov 12	St. Louis
Nov 19	at Philadelphia
Nov 23	San Francisco
Dec 3	at St. Louis
Dec 9	Washington
Dec 17	NY Giants

Roger Staubach QB, Dallas

Dallas Cowboys Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
26	Adderley, Herb	CB	6-1	200	33	12	Michigan St	12
19	Alworth, Lance	WR	6-0	180	32	11	Arkansas	12
66	Andrie, George	DE	6-6	250	32	11	Marquette	14
78	Asher, Bob (1)	T	6-5	250	23	2	Vanderbilt	0
60	Caffey, Lee Roy	LB	6-3	240	24	10	Texas A&M	6
83	Clark, Mike	K	6-1	205	31	10	Texas A&M	12
63	Cole, Larry	DE	6-4	250	26	5	Hawaii	14
89	Ditka, Mike	TE	6-3	213	32	12	Pittsburgh	14
52	Edwards, Dave	LB	6-1	225	32	10	Auburn	14
62	Fitzgerald, John	C	6-5	250	24	2	Boston College	14
15	Fritsch, Toni	K	5-7	185	27	2	None	2
32	Garrison, Walt	RB	6-0	205	28	7	Oklahoma St	13
34	Green, Cornell	S	6-3	208	32	11	Utah St	14
77	Gregory, Bill	DT	6-5	255	22	2	Wisconsin	14
43	Harris, Cliff	C	6-0	184	23	3	Ouachita	14
22	Hayes, Bob	WR	5-11	185	29	8	Florida A&M	14
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	25	4	Yale	8
54	Howley, Chuck	LB	6-2	225	36	14	West Virgina	14
55	Jordan, Lee Roy	LB	6-1	221	31	10	Alabama	14
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	225	26	4	Mississippi St	14
74	Lilly, Bob	DT	6-5	260	33	12	TCU	14
64	Liscio, Tony	T	6-5	255	32	9	Tulsa	5
51	Manders, Dave	C	6-2	250	31	8	Michigan St	14
14	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	214	20	8	California	10
73	Neely, Ralph	T	6-6	265	28	8	Oklahoma	7
76	Niland, John	G	6-3	245	28	7	Iowa	14
61	Nye, Blaine	G	6-4	251	26	5	Stanford	14
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	6-6	260	28	8	Elizabeth City	14
30	Reeves, Dan	RB	6-1	200	28	8	South Carolina	14
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	6-0	190	30	9	Oregon	14
31	Richardson, Gloster	WR	6-2	200	30	6	Jackson St	11
85	Smith, Tody	DE	6-5	245	23	2	Southern Cal	7
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	6-3	197	30	4	Navy	13
56	Stincic, Tom	LB	6-4	230	25	4	Michigan	7
72	Talbert, Don	T	6-5	255	32	9	Texas	9
33	Thomas, Duane	RB	6-1	205	25	3	W. Texas St	11
37	Thomas, Isaac	CB	6-2	193	24	2	Bishop	7
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-5	244	24	3	Vanderbilt	14
87	Truax, Billy	TE	6-5	240	29	9	LSU	12
71	Wallace, Rodney	G	6-5	255	23	2	New Mexico	11
46	Washington, Mark	CB	5-10	188	24	3	Morgan St	2
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-1	193	23	2	Clemson	14
42	Welch, Claxton	RB	5-11	203	25	4	Oregon	14
10	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	210	27	5	Tennessee	14
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	255	27	6	Ft. Valley St	14

(1) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	COWBOYS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	288	200
NET RUSH	2249	1144
Avg Per Game	160.6	81.7
NET PASS	2786	2324
Att/Comp	361-206	421-209
Had Int	14	26
Avg Per Game	199.0	166.0
PUNTS/AVG	56-41.6	65-41.5
Punt Return Yds	31-248	26-321
Avg Per Return	8.0	8.9
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	50-1376	70-1681
Avg Per Return	27.5	24.0
FUMBLES/LOST	30-21	40-25
FIELD GOALS	18-33	16-25
PATS	50-50	24-25
TOTAL POINTS	406	222

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Staubach	211-126	4	1882	15
Morton	143-78	8	1131	7
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hayes	35	840	24.0	8
Alworth	34	487	14.3	2
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Adderley	6	188	30.5	0
Howley	5	122	24.4	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
D. Thomas	175	793	4.5	11
Hill	106	468	4.4	8
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Widby	56	2329	41.6	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Clark	0	47-47	13-25	86
D. Thomas	13	0-0	0-0	78

Billy Truax, with another flyer, Gloster Richardson, providing relief for the wide receivers.

They say Duane Thomas has straightened out most of his personal difficulties, and that could be bad news for Cowboys' opponents. Beset with problems last season, Thomas still rushed for 793 yards. He'll be backed up by Calvin Hill, with rookies Bill Thomas from Boston College and Robert Newhouse from Houston also available.

The offensive line has only one problem area and that is at left tackle. Ralph Neely was the regular there until injured in a motorcycle accident. Even Don Talbert, who took over for Neely, fell by the wayside with injuries, forcing aging veteran Tony Liscio back into action. Neely's return would patch up the only questionable spot in an interior that lists Dave Manders at center, John Niland and Blaine Nye at guards, and Rayfield Wright at the other tackle position. Even without Neely, however, this unit was championship caliber last season.

DEFENSE: Larry Cole, Jethro Pugh, Bob Lilly and George Andrie still comprise the front four. For the first time since they started playing together, however, there's talk about the inevitable toll age can take. It's not an outright accusation, but youngsters like Tody Smith, Billy Gregory and Pat Toomay are referred to more often as showing "promise." Such talk merits consideration.

The linebacking corps is an experienced one, built around Chuck Howley, Dave Edwards and Lee Roy Jordan. Again, however, there is the question of age. At 31, Jordan is the youngest of this group. The Cowboys' corraled five college linebackers in the draft, including Villanova's John Babinecz and Michigan's Mike Kellar. This pair, along with young holdovers like D.D. Lewis and Tom Stincic, could assert themselves before the season's over.

Even in the secondary you won't find any youngsters. Herb Adderley is 33, Cornell Green is 32 and Mel Renfro is 30. They aren't ancient by any means, but even the loss of a half-step in the secondary can prove fatal. Cliff Harris and Charley Waters will continue to vie for the fourth spot in the secondary. More and more, however, youngsters like Ike Thomas, Mark Washington and rookie Charles Bolden of Iowa figure in the picture.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cowboys' schedule this year includes Green Bay, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Detroit in non-division games, in contrast to last year when it was Buffalo, New Orleans, New England and the New York Jets. They should repeat as champions of the NFC East, but beyond that there is a question.

Dallas Cowboys Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Thomas, Bill	RB	6-2	225	Boston College
2a	New house, Robert	RB	5-10	202	Houston
2b	Babinecz, John	LB	6-1	222	Villanova
2c	McKee, Charlie	WR	6-2	199	Arizona
3a	Kellar, Mike	LB	6-4	221	Michigan
3b	Bateman, Marv	K	6-4	213	Utah
4a	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	225	Northern Michigan
4b	West, Robert	WR	6-4	218	San Diego St
4c	Zapiec, Charles	LB	6-2	222	Penn St
5	Choice to San Diego				
6	Bolden, Charles	DB	6-3	195	Iowa
7	Choice to Chicago				
8	Coleman, Ralph	LB	6-4	216	No. Carolina A&T
9	Bell, Roy	RB	5-11	210	Oklahoma
10	Amman, Richard	DE	6-5	234	Florida St
11	Leonard, Lonnie	T	6-4	244	No. Carolina A&T
12	Harris, Jimmy	WR	5-10	180	Ohio St.
13	Fugett, Jean	TE	6-3	219	Amherst
14	Thompson, Alan	RB	6-0	218	Wisconsin
15	Alvarez, Carlos	WR	5-11	189	Florida
16	Longmire, Scooter	QB	6-1	205	Utah
17	Cain, Alphonso	DT	6-3	275	Bethune-Cookman

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Washington Redskins

(9-4-1)

George Allen—that "foxy fellow," as Diron Talbert says—tossed around draft choices like confetti last year, discarding 24 in all to assemble a veteran Redskin team. Explaining this furious activity, Allen set the standard for last season's Redskins by maintaining: "The future is now!"

Pete Finney, the New Orleans writer, visited the team's practice field near Dulles Airport, marked by the sign: "Redskins Rest Home." Finney discovered how Allen kept his aging warriors happy—old timers like Pottios, Jurgensen, Pardee, Pettibon, McDole and Mason. "On Friday nights," a caretaker at the camp explained, "he (Allen) has inaugurated a Jennette McDonald-Nelson Eddy film festival. Also, for the men with crystal sets, he has gotten a local radio station to revise 'Stella Dallas,' 'Portia Faces Life,' and 'Flash Gordon' "

Allen guided his rest-home refugees all the way to the title playoffs, an achievement that has kept record keepers busy discovering that it had been 26 years since the Redskins' last playoff appearance, their best won-lost mark in 29 years, the fewest points the team has allowed since 1945, and so on. . . .

The NFL may not have seen anything yet. "You take away a Sonny Jurgensen, a Charley Taylor, a Larry Brown and a Jerry Smith from any other team and see what happens," says Allen. He is, of course, emphasizing the array of talent the Redskins possess because, even with the players he mentioned injured in varying degrees last season, his club still turned in a sparkling performance.

OFFENSE: If all these men stay

Redskins	1971 Results	Opp
24	at St. Louis	17
30	at NY Giants	3
20	at Dallas	16
22	Houston	13
20	St. Louis	0
20	at Kansas City	27
24	New Orleans	14
7	Philadelphia	7
15	at Chicago	16
0	Dallas	13
20	at Philadelphia	13
23	NY Giants	7
38	at Los Angeles	24
13	Cleveland	20

Led by Chris Hanburger (55) and Jimmie Jones (82), the Redskin defense smothers Dallas' Duane Thomas.

Washington Redskins Veteran Roster

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Yr	College	Games in '71
81	Alston, Mack	TE	6-2	230	25	3	Maryland St	12
41	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	27	5	Michigan	14
89	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	29	8	Jackson St	13
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	25	5	Richmond	14
43	Brown, Larry	RB	5-11	195	25	4	Kansas St	13
77	Brundige, Bill	DT	6-5	270	23	3	Colorado	14
26	Brunet, Bob	RB	6-1	205	26	4	Louisiana Tech	7
58	Burman, George	C-G	6-3	255	29	7	Northwestern	14
86	Dowler, Boyd	WR	6-5	225	34	13	Colorado	12
45	Duncan, Leslie	S	5-10	180	30	9	Jackson St	14
37	Fischer, Pat	CB	5-9	170	32	12	Nebraska	14
51	Grant, Bob	LB	6-2	225	25	5	Wake Forest	6
55	Hanburger, Chris	LB	6-2	218	31	8	North Carolina	14
31	Harraway, Charley	RB	6-2	215	27	7	San Jose St	14
56	Hauss, Len	C	6-2	235	30	9	Georgia	14
63	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	25	2	Nevada-Reno	8
88	Hilton, John (1)	TE	6-5	225	29	7	Richmond	7
25	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	26	4	Southern Cal	11
48	Jaqua, Jon	S	6-0	190	24	3	Lewis & Clark	14
80	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	28	8	Utah	14
82	Jones, Jimmie	DE	6-5	215	25	4	Wichita St	14
30	Jordan, Jeff	RB	6-1	215	27	3	Washington	1
9	Jurgensen, Sonny	QB	6-0	203	38	16	Duke	5
17	Kilmer, Billy	QB	6-0	204	32	11	UCLA	14
5	Knight, Curt	K	6-2	190	29	4	Coast Guard	14
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	245	23	3	Iowa	14
24	Malinchak, Bill	WR	6-1	200	28	7	Indiana	13
20	Mason, Tommy	RB	6-1	195	33	12	Tulane	10
79	McDole, Ron	DE	6-4	265	32	12	Nebraska	14
53	McLinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	25	4	Southern U.	14
85	McNeil, Clifton (2)	WR	6-2	187	31	9	Grambling	14
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	29	7	Cincinnati	14
32	Pardee, Jack	LB	6-2	225	36	15	Texas A&M	14
16	Petitbon, Richie	S	6-3	208	34	14	Tulane	14
66	Pottios, Myron	LB	6-2	232	33	12	Notre Dame	14
76	Rock, Walter	T	6-5	255	30	10	Maryland	14
62	Schoenke, Ray	G	6-4	250	31	9	SMU	14
64	Sistrunk, Manuel	DT	6-5	265	25	3	Arkansas AM&N	14
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	29	8	Arizona St	8
74	Snowden, Jim	T	6-3	255	30	8	Notre Dame	14
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	28	6	Texas	14
42	Taylor, Charley	WR	6-3	210	30	9	Arizona St	6
78	Taylor, Mike	T	6-5	245	27	5	Southern Cal	5
	Taylor, Roosevelt	S	5-11	190	35	12	Grambling	12
67	Tillman, Russell	LB	6-2	230	26	3	No. Arizona	9
29	Vactor, Ted	DB	6-0	185	28	4	Nebraska	14
60	Wilbur, John	G	6-3	250	29	7	Stanford	14
18	Wyche, Sam	QB	6-4	218	27	5	Furman	1

(1) Played 7 games with Minnesota

(2) Played 6 games with New York Giants, 8 games with Washington.

Washington Redskins Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1-7	None (traded away)				
8	Denson, Moses	RB	6-1	215	Maryland St.
9	Boekholder, Steven	DE	6-5	250	Drake
10	Oldham, Mike	WR	6-3	198	Michigan
11	Welch, Jeff	S	6-3	190	Arkansas Tech
12	Bunce, Don	QB	6-1	196	Stanford
13	Grant, Frank	CB	5-11	178	S. Colorado St.
14	O'Quinn, Mike	G	6-2	227	McNeese St.
15	Taibi, Carl	DE	6-3	240	Colorado
16	Higginbotham, Steve	S	6-0	170	Alabama
17	Clemente, Kevin	LB	6-2	225	Boston College

healthy throughout this season, there is no way of telling how far the 'Skins can go, even perhaps to Allen's old stamping ground in Los Angeles where the Super Bowl will be played next January.

Brown, hobbled by injuries and playing on guts most of last season, still came within a whisker of repeating his 1,000-yard performance of the year before. His compadre at running back, Charlie Harraway, also had an excellent year despite playing in pain. There is no quality depth behind these two, but their durability indicates that depth may not be needed unless one breaks a leg.

The marvelous Charley Taylor, still the most dangerous receiver in pro football after catching a short pass, now has fleet Roy Jefferson teaming with him at the other wide spot. At tight end, Jerry Smith's speed keeps defensive backs honest because there are few linebackers who can keep up with him in a foot race.

The Redskins' offensive line is solid and steady, if not top grade, now that John Wilbur has joined Ray Schoenke to give the 'Skins a strong guard tandem. Tackles Jim Snowden and Walter Rock, and center Len Hauss comprise the rest of

Bill Kilmer
QB, Washington

Washington's Charlie Taylor gathers in a TD pass against Kansas City.

1972 Schedule

Sep 18	at Minnesota (n)
Sep 24	St. Louis
Oct 1	at New England
Oct 8	Philadelphia
Oct 15	at St. Louis
Oct 22	Dallas
Oct 29	at NY Giants
Nov 5	at NY Jets
Nov 12	NY Giants
Nov 20	Atlanta (n)
Nov 26	Green Bay
Dec 3	at Philadelphia
Dec 9	at Dallas
Dec 17	Buffalo

the front line, a group that works extremely well together. Job securiy is guaranteed for this veteran group because there aren't any youngsters to challenge the status quo.

DEFENSE: It was on defense that Allen kept his biggest promise, to give Washington a platoon of which even the President would be proud. Just two seasons ago, Redskin coach Sam Huff tipped off everyone that rookie Manny Sistrunk would be a great one at defensive tackle. "He has the quickness of Lilly," Huff said, "but sometimes he's quick getting to the wrong place." Experience will correct this small flaw, and Allen is already so impressed with the young tackle he said: "He will be an All-Pro someday."

Sistrunk was Allen's pivot around which he gathered tackle Diron Talbert, and ends Ron McDole and Verlon Biggs. For depth, Allen has a swift and aggressive pass rusher in Jimmy Jones and a classy young tackle named Bill Brundige.

Linebackers Jack Pardee and Myron Pottios, who combined to handle the middle last season, are a year older, but in Allen's book, a year better also. Chris Hanburger, another key to Allen's defense, remains one of the best outside linebackers in the league.

Only in the secondary do the 'Skins look less than impressive. Cornerbacks Mike Bass and Pat Fischer have been getting by on instinct, but at times this was lacking too and the inevitable occurred. Safetyman Richie Pettibon, now 34, is showing his age as his speed steadily deteriorates. Fellow safety Brig Owens is the most dependable of the lot. But somehow you don't feel worried about this group because, when Allen needs some new players, he'll get them somewhere, maybe through Medicare.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Look out, Dallas! The Redskins are healthy, wealthy (in talent, at least) and hungry. GAMEPLAN looks for the Washington offense to be improved and better balanced. The defense will be difficult to penetrate, especialy on the ground. The President just might be calling George Allen in Los Angeles next January.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	REDSKINS	OPP
FIRST DOWN	212	214
NET RUSH	1756	1396
Avg Per Game	125.4	99.7
NET PASS	2273	2127
Att/Comp	334-182	411-191
Had Int	15	29
Avg Per Game	162.4	151.9
PUNTS /AVG	59-40.5	76-41.4
Punt Return Yds	44-416	16-87
Avg Per Return	9.5	5.4
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	43-913	61-1070
Avg Per Return	21.2	17.5
FUMBLES/LOST	32-20	22-12
FIELD GOALS	29-49	17-33
PATS	27-27	19-20
TOTAL POINTS	276	190

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Kilmer	306/166	13	2221	13
Jurgensen	28/16	2	170	0
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jefferson	47	701	14.9	4
Taylor	24	370	15.4	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fisher	3	103	34.3	1
Petitbon	5	102	20.4	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Brown	253	948	3.7	4
Harraway	156	635	4.1	2
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Bragg	59	2391	40.5	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Knight	0	27/27	29/49	114
Brown	6	0/0	0/0	36

Philadelphia Eagles

(6-7-1)

It's been a while since Philadelphia sports' fans have had much to cheer about. The Eagles, Phillies and 76ers have finished near the bottom of their respective leagues the last few years.

The Phillies and 76ers tried to resurrect themselves with a series of frantic trades, shipping off Richie Allens' and Wilt Chamberlains' in exchange for questionable commodities. The Eagles, on the other hand, never panicked. They rebuilt slowly, making a shrewd trade here, a rewarding draft selection there. Little by little, they are putting it all together.

Late last season the Eagles gave the home town fans more to cheer about than they've had in quite some time. Under young Coach Ed Khayat, they compiled their best record since 1967.

"This is a good team right now," says Khayat, "and it will get better the next year and better the year after that." The Eagles are, to be sure, a young team and they're bound to make the mistakes inexperience causes. But they are also a confident team and, as Khayat puts it: "Ours is a young team with its best football ahead of it."

Eagles	1971 Results	Opp
14	at Cincinnati	37
7	Dallas	42
3	San Francisco	31
0	Minnesota	13
10	at Oakland	34
23	NY Giants	7
17	Denver	16
7	at Washington	7
7	at Dallas	20
37	at St. Louis	20
13	Washington	20
23	at Detroit	20
19	St. Louis	7
41	at NY Giants	28

OFFENSE: The Eagles' regular quarterback last season was no youngster. But 29-year-old Pete Liske, the ex-Bronco, had his best pro season ever, connecting on fifty-three percent of his passes, 11 going for touchdowns. Backing him up was young Rick Arrington, who completed forty-six percent of his aerials as a relief man. Both, however, are in danger of losing the quarterbacking spot to the Eagles' No. 1 college draft choice, rangy John Reaves of Florida. Reaves, 6-3, set just about every NCAA record there was during his college career. With experience, he could become the man to lift the Eagles to new heights.

An excellent set of receivers will be led byspeedsters Harold Jackson and Ben Hawkins. Jackson ranked third in the

Philadelphia Eagles Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
65	Allison, Henry	G	6-3	255	25	2	San Diego St	14
11	Arrington, Rick	QB	6-2	185	25	3	Tulsa	10
31	Bailey, Tom	RB	6-2	211	23	2	Florida St	13
38	Baker, Tony	RB	5-11	225	27	5	Iowa St	5
85	Ballman, Gary	WR-TE	6-1	215	31	11	MichiganSt	6
46	Bouggess, Lee	RB	6-2	210	24	3	Louisville	10
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	25	4	Texas	14
80	Brumm, Don	DE	6-4	245	31	10	Purdue	9
47	Bull, Ron	RB	6-1	200	31	11	Baylor	13
77	Calloway, Ernie	DT	6-6	255	24	4	Texas Southern	14
17	Carmichael, Harold	WR	6-8	225	22	2	Southern U.	9
58	Creech, Bob	LB	6-3	228	23	2	TCU	3
43	Davis, Albert	RB	5-11	215	23	2	Tennessee St	14
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	255	25	3	Palomar JC	5
62	Dirks, Mike	DT	6-2	246	25	5	Wyoming	5
59	Evans, Mike	C	6-5	250	25	5	Boston College	14
1	Feller, Happy	K	5-11	185	22	2	Texas	9
84	Harris, Richard	DE	6-5	260	24	2	Grambling	14
71	Hart, Dick (1)	G	6-2	251	29	5	None	0
18	Hawkins, Ben	WR	6-1	180	27	7	Arizona St	14
86	Hill, Fred	WR-TE	6-2	215	28	8	Southern Cal	7
56	Hobbs, Bill	LB	6-1	221	26	4	Texas A&M	11
83	Hultz, Don	DT	6-2	241	31	10	So. Mississippi	14
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	26	5	Jackson St	14
23	Jones, Harry (2)	TE	6-2	220	26	5	Arkansas	0
51	Kelley, Ike	LB	5-11	224	27	7	Ohio St	14
72	Key Wade	T	6-5	245	25	3	S.W. Texas St	14
20	Keyes, Leroy	S	6-3	208	25	4	Purdue	14
87	Kramer, Kent	TE	6-4	235	28	5	Minnesota	10
14	Liske, Pete	QB	6-2	200	29	5	Penn St	14
36	McNeill, Tom	P	6-1	195	28	6	Stephen F. Austin	14
26	Nelson, Al	CB	5-11	186	27	8	Cincinnati	14
68	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	246	26	5	Pacific	14
88	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	27	7	Stanford	13
50	Porter, Ron	LB	6-3	232	26	6	Idaho	12
33	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	25	4	Oregon St	7
24	Ramsey, Nate	CB	6-1	200	30	10	Indiana	14
82	Rossovich, Tim	LB	6-4	240	25	5	Southern Cal	13
25	Scarpati, Joe (3)	S	5-10	185	28	7	N. Carolina St	0
70	Skaggs, Jim	G	6-3	250	32	10	Washington	10
32	Smith, Jack	CB	6-2	205	24	2	Troy St	5
74	Smith, Steve	T	6-5	250	27	6	Michigan	14
73	Stevens, Richard	T	6-4	240	24	3	Baylor	14
49	Thrower, Jim	CB	6-2	194	24	3	E. Texas St	14
99	Tom, Mel	DE	6-4	249	30	6	San Jose St	14
9	Walik, Bill	WR	5-11	180	24	3	Villanova	8
	Walker, Cleo (4)	C	6-3	219	24	3	Louisville	11
7	Ward, Jim	QB	6-2	196	27	5	Gettysburg	2
34	Watkins, Larry	RB	6-2	230	25	4	Alcorn A&M	12
81	Whalen, Jim (5)	TE	6-2	225	28	8	Boston College	5
53	Whittingham, Fred	LB	6-2	235	31	9	Cal Poly-Obispo	4
37	Woodeshick, Tom	RB	6-1	222	30	10	West Virginia	11
35	Young Adrian	LB	6-1	232	26	5	Southern Cal	2
89	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	235	23	3	Oklahoma	14

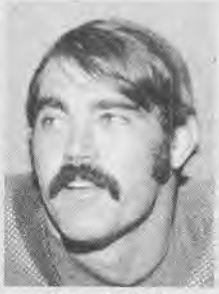
(1) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.
(2) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.
(3) Missed entire '71 season because of injury; last active with New Orleans in '70.
(4) Played 11 games with Atlanta.
(5) Played 3 games with Denver, 2 games with Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Eagles Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	John Reaves	QB	6-3	205	Florida
2	Don Yochum	T	6-5	260	Syracuse
3a	Tom Luken	G	6-3	245	Purdue
3b	Bobby Majors	DB	6-1	193	Tennessee
4	Ron "Po" James	RB	5-11	202	New Mexico St
5	None				
6	Vern Winfield	G	6-3	240	Minnesota
7	Will Foster	LB	6-2	233	Eastern Michigan
8	Larry Ratcliff	RB	6-1	198	Florida
9	Pat Gibbs	DB	5-10	188	Lamar U
10	John Bunting	LB	6-1	124	North Carolina
11	Dennis Sweeney	DE	6-5	240	Western Michigan
12	Don Zimmerman	WR	6-3	195	N.E. Louisiana
13	Preston Carpenter	DE	6-4	230	Mississippi
14	Bill Overmyer	LB	6-3	214	Ashland
15	Tom Sullivan	RB	6-0	192	Miami (Fla.)
16	Steve Bielenberg	LB	6-3	222	Oregon St
17	Tom Nash	T	6-5	240	Georgia

Lee Bouggess
RB, Philadelphia



Steve Zabel
LB, Philadelphia

Richard Harris
DE, Philadelphia

Bill Bradley
S, Philadelphia

NFC with 47 receptions last season, with Hawkins adding 37 catches. Big (6-7) Harold Carmichael will provide back-up support. Veterans Gary Ballman and Kent Kramer, neither of whom turned in great performances last season, will vie for the tight end spot.

The Eagles' running attack still lacks respectability. Veterans Ron Bull, Lee Bouggess, Tom Woodeschick and young Albert Davis don't strike terror in too many hearts when they tote the ball. Rookies Ron "Po" James from New Mexico State and Larry Ratcliff of Florida are this year's hopefuls.

Five-year man Steve Smith at right tackle is the "veteran" of the Eagles' offensive interior, followed by four-year center Mike Evans. Last year's rookie standout, Henry Allison, will operate at one guard spot. Young Mark Nordquist will battle veteran Jim Skaggs, out most of last season with injuries, for the other guard post. Two more youngsters, Wade Key and Richard Stevens will battle for the other tackle position. Rookies Dan Youcham of Syracuse and Tom Luken of Purdue could figure prominently in the competition for starting berths.

DEFENSE: The Eagles' defense started last season with only one certainty: a lack of experience. They matured rapidly, however, and by the end of the year Khayat claimed: "Very few people would argue that the Eagle defense did not rank with the best in football."

Ends Mel Tom, Don Brumm and second year man Richard Harris give the Eagles a devastating pass rush from the flanks. Don Hultz, Ernie Calloway and Gary Pettigrew will divide the tackle duties again. This odd-mixture of youngsters and veterans was largely responsible for enemy quarterbacks being dumped 31 times.

Steve Zabel on the outside and Tim Rossovich in the middle, full-time starters for the first time, did outstanding jobs backing up the line. Veteran Ron Porter worked the other corner, with Ike Kelley and Bill Hobbs providing support.

The Eagles' secondary is led by Bill Bradley, the former Texas All-American quarterback. Bradley, an All-Pro last season, intercepted 11 passes, most in the NFL since 1964. Strong safety Leroy Keyes and cornerbacks Nate Ramsey and Al Nelson will have to contend with Tennessee All-American Bobby Majors, the Eagles' No. 3 draft choice.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Eagles are young, and they are building, but they are still a year or two away. If the youngsters continue to perform as they did late last season, however, Philadelphia could finish high in the NFC East. But with Dallas and Washington to contend with, a division title seems an impossibility.

1972 Schedule

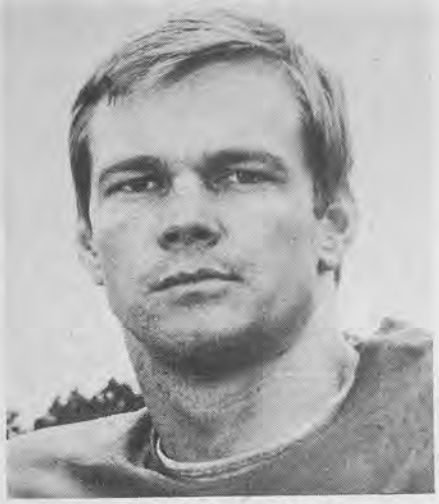
Sep 17	at Dallas
Sep 24	Cleveland
Oct 2	NY Giants (n)
Oct 8	at Washington
Oct 15	Los Angeles
Oct 22	at Kansas City
Oct 29	at New Orleans
Nov 5	St. Louis
Nov 12	at Houston
Nov 19	Dallas
Nov 26	at NY Giants
Dec 3	Washington
Dec 10	Chicago
Dec 17	at St. Louis

1971 Regular Season Statistics

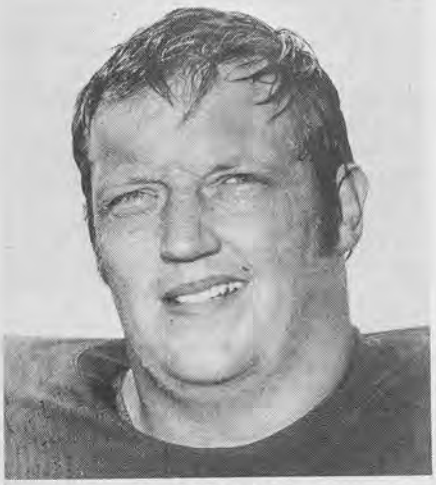
	EAGLES	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	201	251
NET RUSH	1248	1962
Avg Per Game	89.2	138.7
NET PASS	2323	2660
Att/Comp	390-200	407-220
Had Int	20	22
Avg Per Game	165.9	221.6
PUNTS/AVG	75-41.9	57-40.4
Punt Return Yds	24-174	40-372
Avg Per Return	7.6	9.3
KICKOFF-RET/Yds	49-1183	48-1103
Avg Per Return	27.5	22.7
FUMBLES/LOST	21-15	34-25
FIELD GOALS	18-37	17-30
PATS	23-24	35-26
TOTALS POINTS	221	302

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Liske	269-143	15	1957	11
Arrington	118-55	5	576	2
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jackson	43	716	15.2	3
Hawkins	37	650	17.6	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bradley	11	248	22.5	0
Keyes	6	31	5.2	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Bull	94	351	3.7	0
Bouggess	97	262	2.7	2
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
McNeill	73	3063	42.0	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Dempsey	0	13-14	12-17	49
Hawkins	5	0/0	0/0	30



Tucker Frederickson
RB, NY Giants



Greg Larson
C, NY Giants

Carl Lockhart
DB, NY Giants

New York Giants

New York Giants Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
60	Alexakos, Steve	G	6-2	260	25	4	San Jose St	10
45	Athas, Pete	S	5-11	185	26	2	Tennessee	13
15	Blanchard, Tom	P	6-0	190	23	2	Oregon	14
83	Butler, Skip (1)	K	6-1	200	25	2	Texas-Arlington	3
21	Brown, Otto	CB-S	6-1	188	25	4	Prairie View	12
34	Coffey, Junior	RB	6-1	215	30	6	Washington	6
51	Douglas, John	LB	6-2	228	27	3	Missouri	14
28	Duhon, Bobby	RB	6-0	195	25	4	Tulane	13
20	Eaton, Scott	S-CB	6-3	205	27	6	Oregon St	12
	Enderle, Dick (2)	G	6-2	250	25	4	Minnesota	14
31	Evans, Charlie	RB	6-1	220	24	2	Southern Cal	6
58	Files, Jim	LB	6-4	240	24	3	Oklahoma	14
44	Flowers, Richmond (3)	S	6-0	180	25	4	Tennessee	13
24	Frederickson, Tucker	RB	6-2	220	29	7	Auburn	10
3	Gogolak, Pete	K	6-1	190	29	9	Cornell	14
33	Green, Joe	S	5-11	195	25	3	Bowling Green	14
27	Grim, Bob (4)	WR	6-0	200	27	6	Oregon St	14
77	Hanson, Dick	T	6-6	265	23	2	N. Dakota St	3
61	Harper, Charlie	G-T	6-0	250	28	7	Oklahoma St	14
55	Heck, Ralph	LB	6-1	230	31	10	Colorado	11
85	Herrmann, Don	WR	6-2	205	25	4	Waynesburg	9
67	Hornsby, Ron	LB	6-3	232	22	2	S.E. Louisiana	14
84	Houston, Rich	WR	6-2	195	26	4	E. Texas St	13
56	Hughes, Pat	LB	6-2	240	24	3	Boston U.	14
70	Hyland, Bob	G	6-5	255	27	6	Boston College	14
11	Johnson, Randy	QB	6-3	205	28	7	Texas A&I	5
30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	24	4	Michigan	2
73	Kanicki, Jim	DT	6-4	260	30	10	Michigan St	14
87	Kotite, Dick	TE	6-3	230	29	6	Wagner	14
76	Lakes, Roland	DT	6-4	268	32	12	Wichita	14
53	Larson, Greg	C	6-3	250	33	12	Minnesota	14
43	Lockhart, Carl	S	6-2	175	29	8	N. Texas St	13
26	McRae, Bennie	CB	6-0	185	32	11	Michigan	8
40	Morrison, Joe	WR	6-1	212	35	14	Cincinnati	13
80	Reed, Henry	DE	6-3	230	23	2	Weber St	14
74	Roller, Dave	DT	6-2	240	23	2	Kentucky	14
75	Shay, Jerry	DT	6-3	245	28	7	Purdue	6
16	Snead, Norm (5)	QB	6-4	215	33	12	Wake Forest	7
	Taffoni, Joe (6)	T	6-3	255	27	6	Tenn-Martin	0
22	Thompson, Rocky	RB	5-11	200	23	2	W. Texas St	14
71	Tipton, Dave	DE	6-6	240	23	2	Stanford	5
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	26	3	Bloomsburg,Pa.	12
63	Van Horn, Doug	G	6-3	245	28	6	Ohio St	12
79	Vanoy, Vernon	DT	6-8	275	26	2	Kansas	6
78	Walton, Wayne	G	6-5	245	23	2	Abilene Christian	14
41	Williams, Willie	CB	6-0	190	29	8	Grambling	10
69	Young, Willie	T	6-0	265	29	7	Grambling	14
88	Zeno, Coleman	WR	6-4	210	25	2	Grambling	2

(1) Played 2 games with Atlanta, 1 game with Giants.
(2) Played 14 games with Atlanta.
(3) Played 5 games with Dallas, 8 games with Giants.
(4) Played 14 games with Minnesota.
(5) Played 7 games with Minnesota.
(6) Last active with Cleveland in '70.

(4-10)

New York City has been filled with a sense of excitement and expectation for six months as Giants' fans await the arrival of that dynamic new passing battery from the Midwest: Norm Snead to Bob Grim. This duo didn't come cheaply, however, because the Giants had to hand over Frantic Francis Tarkenton in order to bring this pair to Fun City.

The trade came as a surprise to many, but it was really only another in a succession of odd things the Giants have done in recent years. The 1971 season started out when they tabbed Rocky Thompson of West Texas State as their No. 1 draft choice and Rocky responded with 177 yards rushing and a few kick returns. This brought back memories of years ago when the Giants' top draft choice, a running back named Joe Heap from Notre Dame, was cut before training camp even ended.

Another strange incident was the trade of their best defensive lineman, Fred Dryer, to the New England Patriots because his life style didn't concide with the Giants' image. Besides, the New York Giants will be the New Jersey Giants before too much longer, and that's the

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Giants	1971 Results	Opp
42	at Green Bay	40
3	Washington	30
21	at St. Louis	20
13	at Dallas	20
7	Baltimore	31
7	at Philadelphia	23
10	Minnesota	17
35	San Diego	17
21	at Atlanta	17
13	at Pittsburgh	17
7	St. Louis	24
7	at Washington	23
14	Dallas	42
28	Philadelphia	41

strangest thing of all.

Unless they can "steal" another Y.A. Tittle or Del Shofner, dark days are ahead for the Giants since they seem destined to finish beneath Dallas, Washington and Philadelphia in the division race.

OFFENSE: One fine runner, Ron Johnson, could turn this bleak picture brighter by returning to his 1970 form if he can shake off the injury plague. Johnson's ability to go outside with speed, combined with the power he displayed in going up the middle, were the perfect complement to the Gints' old multiple offense when Tarkenton was running the show.

Johnson and Tucker Frederickson can give the Giants a more-than-respectable running attack; something they lacked last season. But there will be much less wheeling-and-dealing of the Tarkenton variety at quarterback, where both Snead and Randy Johnson are sadly lacking in mobility.

The offensive line, while not the best in the league, is capable enough to aid strong runners, with the talents of center Greg Larson setting the pace It remains to be seen how the rest of the group—tackles Willie Young and Charlie Harper, guards Bob Hyland and Doug Van Horn—can protect stationary quarterbacks, which Snead and Johnson are sure to be.

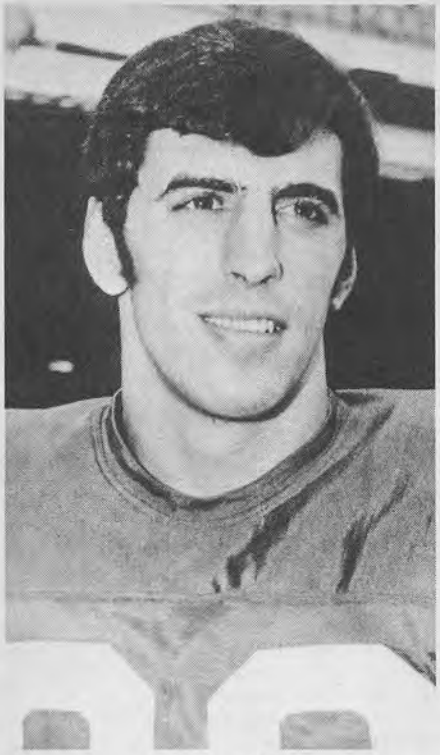
Tight end Bob Tucker, the NFC's leading receiver in number of catches, will find life more difficult without Tarkenton, but he is still a big plus in any passing attack. The Giants passing game took on an extra dimension with the addition of Grim, a dangerous veteran who hauled in 45 passes with the Vikings, a team that had as many quarterbacking problems last year as the Giants figure to have this season. Rookie Eldridge Small from Texas A&I has exceptional speed and he

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at Detroit
Sep 24	Dallas
Oct 2	at Philadelphia (n)
Oct 8	New Orleans
Oct 15	at San Francisco
Oct 22	St. Louis
Oct 29	Washington
Nov 5	Denver
Nov 12	at Washington
Nov 19	at St. Louis
Nov 26	Philadelphia
Dec 3	at Cincinnati
Dec 10	Miami
Dec 17	at Dallas

New York Giants Rookie Roster
(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HGT	WT	COLLEGE
1a	Larry Jacobson	DE	6-6	255	Nebraska
1b	Eldridge Small	WR	6-1	190	Texas A&I
2	None				
3a	John Mendenhall	DE	6-1	255	Grambling
3b	Tommy Mozisek	RB	5-11	200	Houston
4	None				
5a	Larry Edwards	LB	6-3	230	Texas A&I
5b	Tom Gatewood	WR	6-2	215	Notre Dame
6	John Hill	OC	6-2	232	Lehigh
7	Mike Zikas	DT	6-4	255	Notre Dame
8	Tom Mabry	OT	6-6	260	Arkansas
9	Ernie Richardson	RB	6-4	240	Southern U.
10	John Odom	DB	6-2	197	Texas Tech
11	Mark Ellison	OG	6-2	250	Dayton
12	Jay Anderson	DT	6-5	272	Mayville St.
13	None				
14	Jim Evans	LB	6-3	225	South Carolina St.
15	Ken Kavanaugh Jr.	TE	6-2	205	LSU
16	Neovia Greyer	DB	6-2	200	Wisconsin
17	John Seyferth	RB	6-3	215	Michigan



Bob Tucker
TE, NY Ginats

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	GIANTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	236	228
NET RUSH	1461	2059
Avg Per Game	104.6	147.1
NET PASS	2714	2307
Att/Comp	462-268	333-173
Had Int	25	15
Avg Per Game	193.8	164.8
PUNTS/AVG	66-40.6	61-39.8
Punt Return Yds	19-122	50-319
Avg Per Return	6.4	6.4
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	63-1416	45-1063
Avg Per Return	22.5	23.6
FUMBLES/LOST	37-20	29-15
FIELD GOALS	6-17	22-32
PATS	30-30	42-42
TOTAL POINTS	228	362

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Tarkenton	386/226	21	2567	11
Ra Johnson	74/41	3	477	3
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tucker	59	791	13.4	4
Houston	24	427	17.8	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Williams	5	58	11.6	0
Lockhart	3	60	20.0	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Duhon	93	344	3.7	1
Frederick	64	242	3.8	0
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Blanchard	66	2681	40.6	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Gogolak	0	30/30	6/17	48
Evans	5	0/0	0/0	30

will give the Giants something they haven't had in a long time: a long bomb threat.

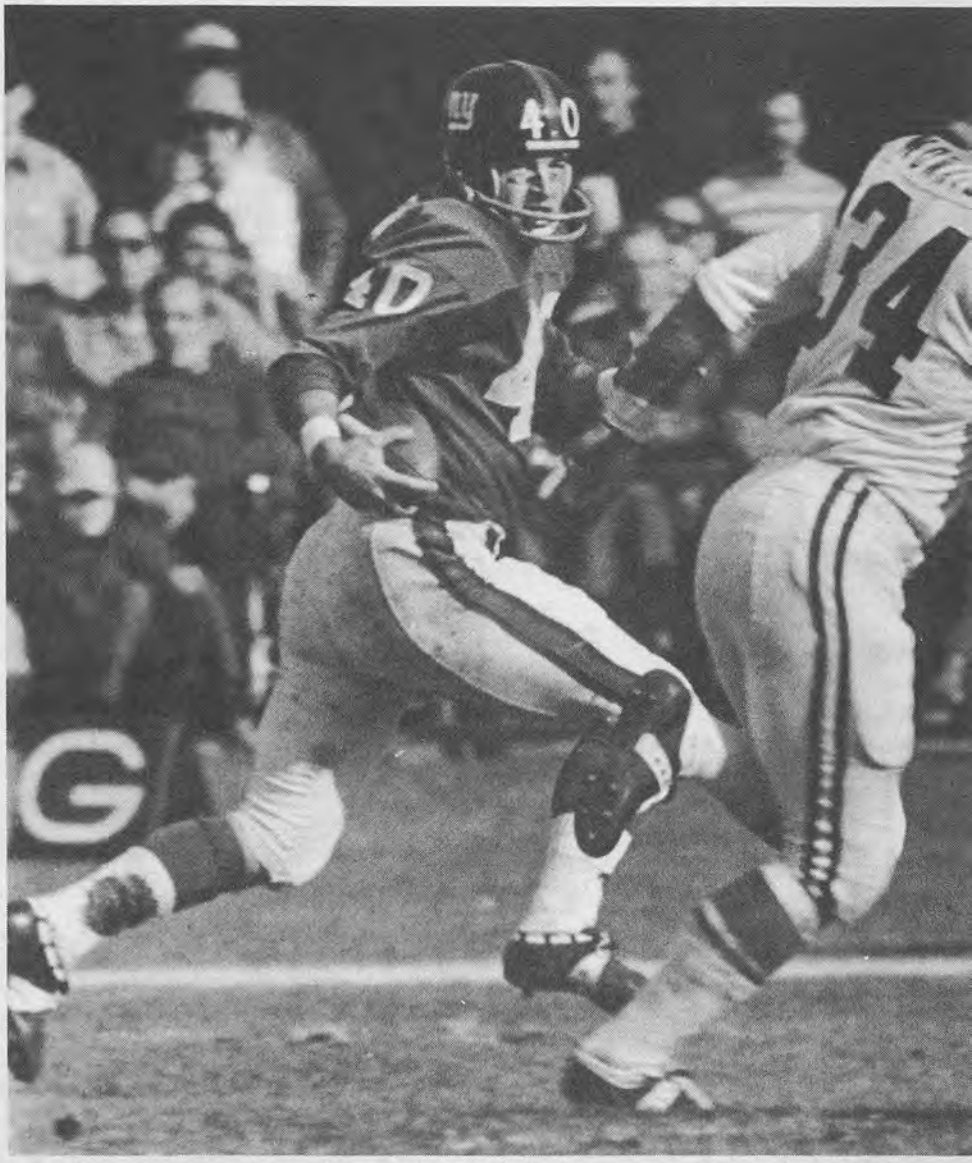
DEFENSE: In all the trading exchanges, the Giants did come up with an instant starter—at least, an instant starter for a team whose defensive line leaves something to be desired—in Larry Jacobson, the behemoth from Nebraska's college champions of the last two years. The rest of the defensive front is devoid of pass rushers or people who can withstand an opponents' running attack.

Giants' publicist Don Smith put it most succinctly: "You've heard about the rubber-band defense that bends but never breaks? We got one, too, but it stretches 101 yards."

The linebackers—Jim Files in the middle, Ralph Heck and John Douglas on the outside, all of them backed up by Ron Hornsby—are hard-pressed to make up for the deficiencies of the front four.

The brightest spot on the team is an outstanding secondary, led by Spider Lockhart at safety and Willie Williams at cornerback. They, too, will find the going rough without much of a pass rush.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If the Giants couldn't win with Tarkenton, how in the Sam Hill are they going to win without him? Certainly not with a defense that doesn't get to opposing passers and can't stop enemy runners. After this season, maybe Giant fans will wish Mara's boys had played their '72 schedule in Jersey.



Versatile Joe Morrison, Giants' do-everything back, is shown outrunning Baltimore's Tom Nowatzke.

St. Louis Cardinals

(4-9-1)

As everyone knows, the formula in the NFL when your team is losing is to change the head coach. Last year the Cardinals did that, bringing in Bob Hollway, an ex-Minnesota Viking assistant. The formula didn't work, however, with the Cardinals finishing 4-9-1, considerably worse than their 8-5-1 record in 1970.

So the Cardinals are trying a new formula for this season—changing their starting backfield. "We need more punch, especially in the running game," said Hollway. He then made several quick deals which sent MacArthur Lane to Green Bay for Donnie Anderson, and Cid Edwards to San Diego for Leon Burns. As an afterthought, he picked up Steve Worster, who was originally property of the LA Rams and had spent his last few years playing football in Canada.

Hollway and the Bidwell brothers (the Cardinals' owners) still haven't solved the biggest problem: quarterback. "We have experienced quarterbacking in Jim Hart and Pete Beathard," says Hollway, "both of whom can win for us." Hollway should set this lyric to the tune of "Nearer My God to Thee" and sing it when the next Titanic goes down.

Cardinals	1971 Results	Opp
17	Washington	24
17	at NY Jets	10
20	NY Giants	21
26	at Atlanta	9
0	at Washington	20
14	San Francisco	26
27	at Buffalo	23
13	Dallas	16
17	at San Diego	20
20	Philadelphia	37
24	NY Giants	7
16	Green Bay	16
7	Philadelphia	19
12	at Dallas	31

The only thing Hart has ever been able to beat out is Beathard, who has never won as a pro anyway. Between them, they threw 26 interceptions last season, second only to Chicago which has quarterbacking problems even more serious than the Cardinals.

OFFENSE: If the Cards had a thrower who could hit over 50 percent of his passes, the club might cut a swath into the title playoffs. The running game was not the real problem last season. Lane and Edwards were shunted to other clubs mainly because their attitudes had gone sour—a logical, human result of losing.

St. Louis Cardinals Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
37	Allen, Jeff	CB	5-11	190	24	2	Iowa St	1
7	Anderson, Donny (1)	RB-P	6-3	210	29	7	Texas Tech	14
25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	195	31	11	Wisconsin	14
54	Banks, Tom	C	6-1	240	24	2	Auburn	9
10	Beathard, Pete	QB	6-1	200	30	9	Southern Cal	9
24	Brown, Terry (2)	S	6-1	210	25	3	Oklahoma St	0
38	Burns, Leon (3)	RB	6-1	233	27	2	Cal St-Long Beach	14
52	Ogle, Rick	LB	6-3	230	23	2	Colorado	14
68	Dickson, Paul	DT	6-5	250	35	14	Baylor	5
72	Dierdorf, Dan	G	6-4	265	24	2	Michigan	12
76	Emerson, Vern	T	6-5	260	27	4	Minnesota-Duluth	4
20	Farr, Miller	CB	6-1	190	29	8	Wichita St	14
84	Gillette, Walker (4)	WR	6-5	200	25	3	Richmond	12
44	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	195	27	6	S. Carolina St	14
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	170	23	2	Missouri	14
49	Hackbart, Dale	S	6-3	210	34	11	Wisconsin	14
60	Hargrove, Jim	LB	6-3	225	27	5	Howard Payne	14
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-2	200	28	7	So. Illinois	11
74	Heron, Fred	DT	6-4	260	27	7	San Jose St	9
45	Hoey, George	CB	5-10	170	25	2	Michigan	6
65	Hutchison, Chuck	G	6-3	240	23	3	Ohio St	13
88	Hyatt, Fred	WR	6-3	200	26	5	Auburn	14
70	Krueger, Rolf	DE-DT	6-4	250	25	4	Texas A&M	14
26	Latourette, Chuck	P	6-0	190	27	5	Rice	13
46	Longo, Tom	S	6-1	200	28	4	Notre Dame	2
80	McFarland, Jim	TE	6-5	225	24	3	Nebraska	14
56	McGill, Mike	LB	6-2	235	25	5	Notre Dame	11
73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-6	255	34	12	Illinois	14
58	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	225	26	2	Illinois	9
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-2	245	25	4	Clemson	7
	O'Donnell, Joe (5)	LB	6-3	262	31	7	Michigan	6
	Cuozzo, Gary	QB	6-0	195	31	10	Virginia	8
41	Provost, Ted	S	6-2	195	24	3	Ohio St	2
71	Reynolds, Bob	T	6-5	265	33	10	Bowling Green	14
53	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Bowling Green	12
23	Roland, John	RB	6-2	215	29	7	Missouri	14
75	Rowe, Bob	DT	6-4	260	27	6	W. Michigan	14
82	Schmiesing, Joe	DE	6-4	260	27	5	New Mexico St	9
27	Shivers, Roy	RB	5-11	200	30	7	Utah St	11
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	235	32	10	N.W. Louisiana	9
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-2	230	30	10	Georgia Tech	14
35	Stegent, Larry	RB	6-1	200	24	2	Texas A&M	7
43	Thompson, Norm	CB	6-1	175	27	2	Utah	14
79	Walker, Chuck	DE	6-3	250	31	9	Duke	11
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB-S	6-1	195	24	4	Missouri	13
30	White, Paul	RB	6-0	200	23	3	Texas-El Paso	6
63	Williams, Clyde	G	6-3	250	32	6	Southern U.	14
33	Willingham, Larry	S	6-1	190	23	2	Auburn	9
8	Wilson, Larry	S	6-0	195	34	13	Utah	14
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	225	25	2	Kansas St	12

(1) Played 14 games with Green Bay.
(2) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.
(3) Played 14 games with San Diego.
(4) Played 12 games with San Diego.
(5) Played 7 games with Buffalo.

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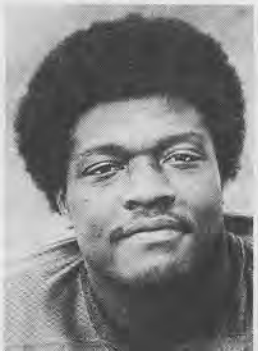

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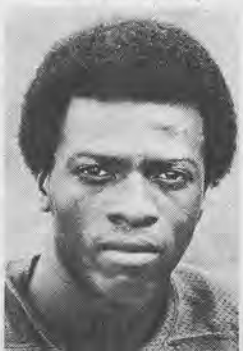


Jim Bakken
K, St. Louis

St. Louis Cardinals Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Moore, Bobby	RB/WR	6-2	212	Oregon
2	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	215	Arizona
3	Beckman, Tom	DE	6-6	245	Michigan
4a	Imhof, Martin	DT	6-6	250	San Diego St
4b	Lyman, Jeff	LB	6-3	235	Brigham Young
5	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-2	230	Wyoming
6	Heater, Don	RB	6-1	195	Montana Tech
7	Rudolph, Council	DE	6-3	235	Kentucky St
8	Wicks, Bob	WR	6-3	195	Utah State
9	Macken, Gene	C	6-1	223	South Dakota
10a	Washington, Eric	DB	6-2	195	Texas
10b	Franks, Mike	QB	6-2	190	Eastern New Mexico
11	Jones, Ron	LB	6-2	206	Arkansas
12	Gay, Tommy	DE	6-2	250	Arkansas A&M
13	Campana, Tom	DB	5-10	192	Ohio State
14	McTeer, Pat	K	6-2	215	New Mexico St
15	Herman, Mark	TE	6-2	216	Yankton (S.D.)
16	Alford, Henry	DE	6-6	235	Pittsburgh
17	Carter, Kent	LB	6-3	215	Southern Cal

With Anderson, Burns, Roy Shivers, Johnny Roland and soph Larry Stegent, the ball carrying is in the best of hands. Top draftee Bobby Moore of Oregon figures to make it even more so. Moore will start somewhere for the Cardinals, either at running back or wide receiver. His speed alone should get him playing time since fleet running backs have been a scarce commodity at St. Louis for some time.

The receiving corps is top notch, featuring John Gilliam and last year's rookie sensation Mel Gray, who averaged a whopping 29.7 per catch. A new addition is Walker Gillette, a disappointment at San Diego as a rookie, who came over in exchange for Dave Williams. Gilliam, Gray and Gillette are so talented, Moore's speed will obviously be put to better use in the backfield.

The Cards' once-solid offensive line has given way to question marks. Veteran Irv Goode has been dealt off to Buffalo for young Joe O'Donnell, leaving only tackles Bob Reynolds and Ernie McMillan as the last of the old troops up front. Soph guard Dan Dierdorf suffered from inexperience last year (his holding penalty cost the Cards a victory over Dallas), and center Wayne Mulligan still struggles with injuries.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at Baltimore
Sep 24	at Washington
Oct 1	Pittsburgh
Oct 8	at Minnesota
Oct 15	Washington
Oct 22	at NY Giants
Oct 29	Chicago
Nov 5	at Philadelphia
Nov 12	at Dallas
Nov 19	NY Giants
Nov 27	at Miami (n)
Dec 3	Dallas
Dec 10	Los Angeles
Dec 17	Philadelphia

DEFENSE: The St. Louis defensive line sacked enemy quarterbacks only 20 times last season, a statistic that could improve if Rolf Krueger plays back to his '70 form. The Cards seem to be expecting an awful lot, counting on soph Ron Yankowski, a slim 6-5, 225-pounder, to develop into a top flight defensive end.

Left linebacker Larry Stallings, in his 10th year, seems to be fated to play out his career without ever gaining the recognition due him, because the Cardinals can't mount a winner. He is still one of the premier men in the league at his position. The Cardinals call middle linebacker Jamie Rivers their MVP, and he and Stallings will be joined this year by No. 2 draft choice Mark Arneson of Arizona, who at 6-2 and 215 has excellent speed.

With a stronger pass rush, and the extra plus of Arneson's speed, the Card secondary can shut out anyone. Roger Wehrli and Miller Farr are excellent cornerbacks, and the development of soph Norm Thompson could free Wehrli to join player-coach Larry Wilson for a good safety duo. Wilson's old running mate, Jerry Stovall, has retired from the game.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cards have been so close so often that last year's collapse came as quite a surprise. The talent is there but the attitude isn't. Oh, yes, one other little item that merits mention—a consistent quarterback isn't in residence in St. Louis. Patience, Bob, patience.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	CARDINALS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	212	244
NET RUSH	1530	1985
Avg Per Game	109.3	141.8
NET PASS	2471	2380
Att/Comp	385-170	375-212
Had Int	25	17
Avg Per Game	176.5	170.0
PUNTS/AVG	61-38.8	58-40.4
Punt Return Yds	30-234	24-160
Avg Per Return	7.8	6.7
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	58-1363	54-1314
Avg Per Return	23.5	24.3
FUMBLES/LOST	35-20	28-16
FIELD GOALS	21-32	25-39
PATS	24-24	28-29
TOTAL POINTS	231	279

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Hart	243-110	14	1626	8
Beathard	141-60	12	1030	6
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gilliam	42	837	19.9	3
Lane	29	298	10.3	0
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Thompson	4	45	11.3	0
Stovall	2	20	10.0	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Lane	150	592	3.9	3
Edwards	108	316	2.9	4
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Latourette	56	2157	38.5	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	DG-MA	PTS
Bakken	0	24-24	21-32	87
Edwards	4	0/0	0/0	24

Defensive tackle Ron Yankowski (78) of the St. Louis Cardinals is about to decimate an unsuspecting Cleveland Brown.

NFC CENTRAL

Purple terros Jim Marshall (70) and Alan Page (88) are about to smash Buffalo's Dennis Shaw.

Minnesota Vikings

(11-3-0)

Imagine it is 1961 again. The Minnesota Vikings are a brand new team in the NFL, coached by the redoubtable Norm Van Brocklin. That first season was, as might have been expected, a disaster. Well, at least as far as winning games is concerned.

Minnesota fans didn't find that initial campaign unbearable. Despite the Vikings' ineptitude, they turned out in droves

Vikings	1971 Results	Opp
16	at Detroit	13
17	Chicago	20
19	Buffalo	0
13	at Philadelphia	0
24	at Green Bay	13
10	Baltimore	3
17	at NY Giants	10
9	San Francisco	13
3	Packers	0
23	at New Orleans	10
24	Atlanta	7
14	at San Diego	30
29	Detroit	10
27	at Chicago	10

to see the Vikings play their home games, even willing to put up with the excruciating cold of those December and January Sunday afternoons. Why?

They came to see the "Peach." At least that was the nickname first given his young quarterback from Georgia by Norm Van Brocklin. They came to see Francis Tarkenton scamper and scramble around the gridiron in a manner no pro quarterback had ever done before.

Tarkenton incensed the experts. Hell, they cried, doesn't this kid know you're not supposed to run around like that?

Minnesota Vikings Veteran Roster

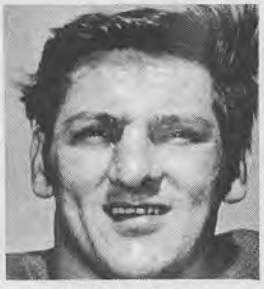
NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
67	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	33	13	Detroit	13
87	Beasley, John (1)	TE	6-3	228	26	5	California	0
30	Brown, Bill	RB	5-11	228	34	12	Illinois	14
89	Brown, Bob	TE	6-2	225	29	4	Alcorn A&M	8
20	Bryant, Bob	CB	6-1	170	28	5	South Carolina	13
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	33	10	Pittsburgh	14
71	Davis, Doug	T	6-4	250	28	7	Kentucky	14
86	Denson, Al	WR	6-2	215	30	9	Florida A&M	7
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	30	9	Minnesota	14
56	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	25	3	West Chester, Pa.	13
44	Hayden, Leo	RB	6-0	212	24	2	Ohio St	7
80	Henderson, John	WR	6-3	195	29	8	Michigan	7
58	Hilgenberg, Wally	LB	6-3	229	30	9	Iowa	14
52	Jenke, Noel	LB	6-1	218	25	2	Minnesota	14
	Johnson, Leo (2)	WR	6-1	200	27	3	Tennessee St	0
26	Jones, Clint	RB	6-0	205	27	6	Michigan St	14
29	Kassulke, Karl	S	6-0	195	31	10	Drake	12
85	Knief, Gayle (3)	WR	6-3	205	25	2	Morningside	0
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	200	30	9	Iowa	14
77	Larsen, Gary	DT	6-5	261	32	9	Concordia, Minn.	14
19	Lee, Bob	QB-P	6-2	195	27	4	Pacific	14
21	Lindsey, Jim	RB	6-2	210	27	7	Arkansas	14
75	Lurtsema, Bob (4)	DE	6-6	250	30	6	W. Michigan	7
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	248	34	13	Ohio St	14
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-0	208	29	8	North Dakota	11
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	27	6	Notre Dame	14
78	Patton, Jerry	DT	6-2	250	26	2	Nebraska	3
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	28	5	Colorado St	13
65	Schmidt, Roy	G	6-3	250	30	6	Long Beach St	4
45	Sharockman, Ed	CB	6-0	200	32	11	Pittsburgh	14
64	Sunde, Milt	G	6-2	250	30	9	Minnesota	14
69	Sutherland, Doug	LB	6-3	250	24	3	Superior, Wis.	11
10	Tarkenton, Francis (5)	QB	6-0	190	32	12	Georgia	13
53	Tingelhoff, Mick	C	6-2	237	31	10	Nebraska	14
83	Voight, Stu	TE	6-1	220	24	3	Wisconsin	12
72	Ward, John	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Oklahoma St	14
59	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-3	238	28	7	Tennessee Tech	4
84	Washington, Gene	WR	6-3	208	27	6	Michigan	13
14	West, Charlie	CB-S	6-1	195	25	4	Texas-El Paso	14
62	White, Ed	G	6-2	262	24	3	California	14
36	Winfrey, Carl	LB	6-0	230	23	2	Wisconsin	14
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	222	32	11	LSU	14
23	Wright, Jeff	S	5-11	190	23	2	Minnesota	14
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	24	4	San Diego St	4
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5	255	26	5	Southern Cal	14
51	Zaunbrecher, Godfrey	C	6-2	240	24	2	LSU	4

(1) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.
(2) Last active with San Francisco in '70.
(3) Last active with New England in '70.
(4) Played 7 games with New York Giants.
(5) Played 13 games with New York Giants.

Clint Jones
RB, Minnesota

Mick Tingelhoff
C, Minnesota

Carl Eller
DE, Minnesota



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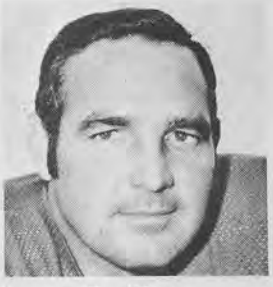


Fred Cox
K, Minnesota

Quarterbacks, they maintained, are just supposed to fade back into that old pocket and fire away. They can't be running around like madmen. It'll ruin the image of the game!

The impetuous young man from Georgia didn't listen, however, and that delighted Minnesota fans. They were perfectly willing to sit in sub-zero weather just to see Tarkenton throw tradition to the wind by scrambling from one side of the field to the other.

Now it's eleven years later, and a lot of things have happened to both Tarkenton and the Minnesota Vikings. Francis, who by now had become known as "Frantic Francis," spent a few years visiting New York. Meanwhile, the Vikings were busy visiting a Super Bowl and a few league throne rooms.

By some quirk of fate (commonly referred to as a "trade"), Tarkenton and the Vikings have been reunited again. Francis is a decade older now and most of that old Dixie drawl has disappeared, but he still loves to incense the experts with his special brand of quarterbacking.

OFFENSE: With Tarkenton back in the fold, the Vikes' offense will take on a whole new dimension. Under the leadership of Norm Snead, Bob Lee and Gary Cuozzo, the Vikings offense limped last season.

Minnesota Vikings Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-3	230	Stanford
2	Marinaro, Ed	RB	6-3	212	Cornell
3	Beutow, Bart	T	6-6	220	Minnesota
4	Choice to Denver				
5	Choice to Cleveland (thur Los Angeles)				
6	Martin, Amos	LB	6-3	228	Louisville
7	Slater, Bill	LB	6-2	230	Western Michigan
8	Demery, Calvin	WR	6-2	190	Arizona St.
9	Goodrum, Charles	G	6-3	256	Florida A&M
10	Aldridge, Willie	RB	6-0	195	So. Carolina St.
11	McKelton, Willie	DB	6-0	191	Southern U
12	Banaugh, Bob	DB	6-2	204	Montana St.
13	Roberts, Franklin	RB	6-1	215	Alcorn A&M
14	Owens, Marv	WR	6-0	203	San Diego St.
15	Sivert, Mike	G	6-4	240	E. Tennesse St.
16	Graff, Neil	QB	6-2	194	Wisconsin
17	Schmalz, Dick	WR	6-1	190	Auburn

49er's Vic Washington (22) is sandwiched by pair of Viking defenders.

Classy wide receivers Gene Washington, Al Denson and John Henderson caught only 24 passes between them. Tight end Stu Voight, filling in for the injured John Beasley, caught only 15. Injuries played a part in these unimpressive statistics, but so did the meager passing of Lee and Cuozzo. The swift John Gilliam, acquired from St. Louis in the Cuozzo trade, is a classy receiver who will snare his share of Tarkenton aerials.

Tark was brilliant with the Giants last season, completing fifty-eight percent of his passes under the most adverse circumstances. This year he'll be operating behind as fine an offensive line as there is in the NFC. Perennial All-Pro Mick Tingelhoff pivots the group, with Milt Sunde and young Ed White at the guards, Grady Alderman and Ron Yary at the tackles.

The ingredients for a solid running attack will also aid Tarkenton. Former Michigan State All-America Clint Jones seems on the verge of excellence. Versatile Dave Osborn did not have a great year running the ball, but he ranked second on the team with 25 pass receptions

1972 Schedule

Sep 18	Washington (n)
Sep 24	at Detroit
Oct 1	Miami
Oct 8	St. Louis
Oct 15	at Denver
Oct 23	at Chicago (n)
Oct 29	at Green Bay
Nov 5	New Orleans
Nov 12	Detroit
Nov 19	at Los Angeles
Nov 26	at Pittsburgh
Dec 3	Chicago
Dec 10	Green Bay
Dec 16	at San Francisco

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	VIKINGS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	198	194
NET RUSH	1695	1600
Avg Per Game	121.1	114.1
NET PASS	1655	1806
Att/Comp	344-157	405-206
Had Int	116.7	129.0
PUNTS/AVG	89-39.5	78-39.9
Punt Return Yds	27-165	47-334
Avg Per Return	6.1	7.1
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	41-959	49-1078
Avg Per Return	23.4	22.0
FUMBLES/LOST	25-12	34-18
FIELD GOALS	22-32	14-31
PATS	25-25	13-14
TOTAL POINTS	245	139

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Cuozzo	168/75	8	842	6
Lee	90/45	4	598	2
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Grim	45	691	15.4	7
Voigt	15	214	14.3	1
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
West	7	236	33.7	0
Krause	6	112	18.7	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Jones	180	675	3.8	4
Osborn	123	349	2.8	5
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Lee	89	3215	39.5	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Cox	0	25/25	22/32	91
Grim	7	0/0	0/0	42

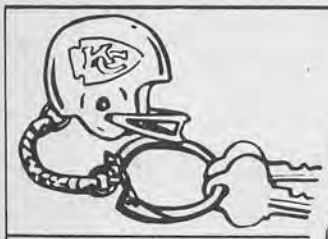
last season. Cornell's all-everything Ed Marinaro, if he lives up to his advance notices, could provide the Vikings with the type of running back around whom championships are won.

DEFENSE: What can possibly be said about The Purple Gang that hasn't been said already. Ends Eller and Marshall, tackles Larsen and Page. They're all a year older now, but Coach Bud Grant feels this just means that they're a year wiser. Backed up by Bob Lurtsema, Jerry Patton and rookie Bart Beutow. No. 3 draftee from Minnesota, the Vikings' front four will be just as fierce, just as dedicated as ever. To enemy quarterbacks, a better name for this group might be the "Purple Plague."

The linebacking situation is not so bright, evidenced by the draft of three college linebackers in the Vikings' first five selections. Roy Winston, Lonnie Warwick, Wally Hilgenberg and Carl Gersbach are the regulars. Top draft choice Jeff Siemon, a rugged 230-pounder from Stanford, seems certain to take somebody's spot. Amos Martin from Louisville and Bill Slater from Western Michigan could also have a hand in the proceedings.

The Vikings' secondary is a solid group, but their ages makes one wonder how much longer they can keep going. Bobby Bryant and Ed Sharockman at the corners. Charlie West and Paul Krause at the safety spots have all been around a few years. Apparently Grant has a lot of faith in this group because the Vikings didn't go for a defensive back until the 10th round of the draft when they tabbed Willie Aldridge of Southern.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The return of Frantic Francis and the return to health of Gene Washington could spell S-U-P-E-R B-O-W-L for the Vikings this season. All the horses are there, and all Grant has to do is hitch them up and get them pulling together. Francis missed the Vikings' other Super Bowl appearance, but you can be sure he won't miss this one.



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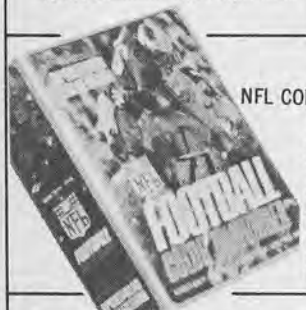

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Detroit Lions

(7-6-1)

It is rare when a rookie in the NFL can make a whopping difference in the performance of a *contending* team. Granted, Bruce Taylor's play at cornerback as a first year man helped turn the 49ers' football fortunes around, but such cases are infrequent. Something just this unusual may occur in Detroit this year, however, if top draft choice Herb Orvis of Colorado plays up to expectations.

"We feel like we can count on him to come right in and play," says Coach Joe Schmidt. "Herb had a couple of years in Army ball, and he's 25, older than an ordinary rookie and more mature than most."

Schmidt has twice brought Detroit to the brink of success, mainly by rejuvenating the Lions' offense. Previously, it was believed that the defense did the job for Detroit, a legend fostered by Alex Karras, who often maintained that the defensive unit should claim half the offense's pay-

Lions	1971 Results	Opp
13	Minnesota	16
34	at New England	7
41	Atlanta	38
31	Green Bay	28
31	at Houston	7
23	Chicago	28
14	at Green Bay	14
24	at Denver	20
13	Los Angeles	21
28	at Chicago	3
32	Kansas City	21
20	Philadelphia	23
10	at Minnesota	39
27	at San Francisco	31

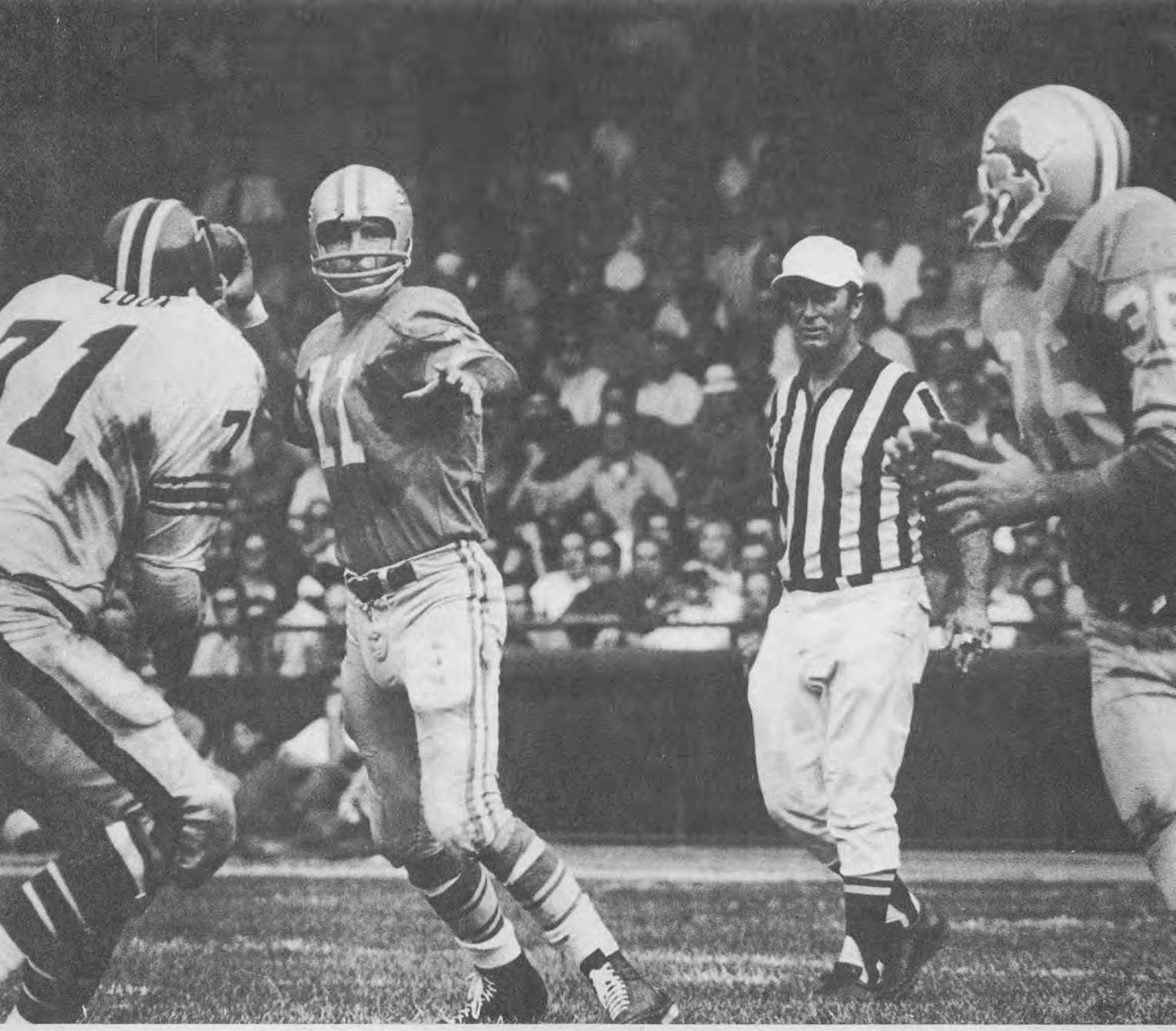
checks. The emphasis has switched now, primarily because of the play of quarterback Greg Landry, the receiving of big Charley Sanders, and the running of Steve Owens and Altie Taylor. The Lions had the third best offense and the finest rushing attack in the league last season.

DEFENSE: The Lion defenders have fallen on hard times, due mainly to the lack of a pass rush and a softness up front against the run. The 6-5, 240-pound Orvis could help change all that, together with soph tackle Bob Bell, a high draftee last year, who rapidly developed into a talented defender.

Detroit Lions Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
86	Barnes, Al (1)	WR	6-1	170	22	2	New Mexico St	0
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	188	26	6	Jackson St	9
73	Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	24	4	Cincinnati	14
81	Brown, Charlie (2)	WR	6-2	195	23	2	No. Arizona	0
	Campbell, Sonny (3)	RB	5-11	190	23	3	No. Arizona	14
17	Cappleman, Bill (4)	QB	6-3	210	24	2	Florida St	0
21	Clark, Al	CB	6-0	181	23	2	E. Michigan	9
87	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-4	222	24	4	Youngstown	14
52	Cottrell, Bill (5)	C	6-2	250	27	5	Delaware Valley	0
40	Eddy, Nick (6)	RB	6-1	210	27	4	Notre Dame	0
77	Evey, Dick	DT	6-4	245	30	9	Tennessee	11
24	Farr, Mel	RB	6-2	210	27	6	UCLA	9
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	28	8	Purdue	14
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	270	26	5	Oregon St	14
68	Gallagher, Frank	G	6-2	245	28	6	North Carolina	14
23	Gipson, Paul	RB	6-0	210	25	4	Houston	5
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	31	8	Appalachian St	14
89	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	183	23	2	Kansas	14
66	Kowalkowski, Bob	G	6-3	240	28	7	Virginia	14
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	210	25	5	Massachusetts	14
44	LeBeau, Dick	CB	6-1	185	34	14	Ohio St	13
51	Lee, Ken	LB	6-4	230	23	2	Washington	1
53	Lucci, Mike	LB	6-2	230	32	11	Tennessee	14
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	30	5	North Dakota	14
25	McCullouch, Earl	WR	5-11	175	26	5	Southern Cal	13
83	Mitchell, Jim	DE	6-3	245	23	3	Virginia St	13
62	Mooney, Ed	LB	6-2	225	27	5	Texas Tech	14
19	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	210	30	9	Utah St	5
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	26	6	Tennessee	14
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	215	24	3	Oklahoma	14
79	Parson, Ray	T	6-4	250	24	2	Minnesota	14
	Popplewell, Don	C	6-2	235	23	2	Colorado	0
67	Rasley, Rocky (7)	G	6-3	250	24	3	Oregon St	0
47	Rasmussen, Wayne	S	6-2	180	29	9	S. Dakota St	14
	Redmond, Rudy (8)	CB	6-1	195	24	4	Pacific	8
84	Robb, Joe	DE	6-3	245	34	13	TCU	14
82	Rush, Jerry	DT	6-4	265	28	8	Michigan St	14
88	Sanders, Charlie	TE	6-4	225	25	5	Minnesota	13
42	Taylor, Altie	RB	5-10	200	24	4	Utah	14
65	Thompson, Dave	C	6-4	275	23	2	Clemson	14
38	Triplett, Bill	RB	6-2	215	31	10	Miami, Ohio	14
48	Vaughn, Tom	S	5-11	190	28	8	Iowa St	9
55	Walker, Wayne	LB	6-2	228	34	15	Idaho	14
63	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	255	30	6	Iowa St	14
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	180	25	4	Arizona St	14
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	218	22	2	Southern Cal	14
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	23	3	Tennessee	13
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	26	6	Bowling Green	14
45	Williams, Bobby	CB	6-0	200	29	6	Central St., Okla.	14
70	Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	260	23	2	Tennessee St	1
	Yanchar, Bill (9)	DT	6-3	251	24	2	Purdue	0
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-5	265	25	4	Florida	14
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-3	195	22	2	Auburn	11

(1) Active for 7 games, but did not play.
(2) Missed entire '71 season because of non-football related injury.
(3) Played 14 games with Atlanta.
(4) Last active with Minnesota in '70.
(5) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.
(6) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.
(7) Last active with Detroit in '70.
(8) Played 8 games with Atlanta.
(9) Last active with Cleveland in '70.



Detroit's Greg Landry (11) gets set to fire completion to Steve Owens (36).

The Lions sacked enemy passers only 18 times last season, no way to win them a spot in the Super Bowl. Only the New York Giants were as ineffective at getting to the passer. Orvis and Bell could change all this and team with Jerry Rush and Larry Hand to give the Lions a far more lethal front.

A healthy Mike Lucci, speedy Paul Naumoff and tough, dependable Wayne Walker at the linebacking spots remain the strength of the Lion defense. If Lem Barney can play a full season without injury, the secondary foursome will be tough. Barney will work at one cornerback, with Rudy Redmond, picked up from Atlanta in a trade, at the other corner. Dick LeBeau, Mike Weger, Tommy Vaughn and Wayne Rasmussen will fight it out for the safety jobs. This quartet must also contend with big rookie Char-

Detroit Lions Rookie Roster
(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Orvis, Herb	DE	6-5	240	Colorado
2	None				
3	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	225	Howard Payne
4	None				
5	None				
6	Potts, Charles	DB	6-3	210	Purdue
7	Stoudamire, Charles	WR	6-2	195	Portland St
8	Stuckey, Henry	DB	6-1	180	Missouri
9	McClintock, Bill	DB	6-1	180	Drake
10	Teal, Jim	LB	6-3	225	Purdue
11	Waldron, Bob	DT	6-5	245	Tulane
12	Bradley, Paul	WR	6-1	185	SMU
13	Kirschner, John	TE	6-4	225	Memphis St
14	Kelly, Eric	DT	6-4	240	Whitworth
15	Roach, Steve	LB	6-2	230	Kansas
16	Jenkins, Leon	DB	5-11	165	West Virginia
17	Tyler, Mike	DB	6-0	190	Rice

ley Potts of Purdue, a 6-3, 210-pounder with 4.7 speed.

OFFENSE: The club certainly seems geared to perform better than its 7-6-1 mark of last season, and a tougher defense could make the difference. The only thing the offense needs is a return to long-bomb form by split end Earl McCullouch and flanker Larry Walton. Soph Ron Jessie could break into this situation if either falters.

Quarterback Landry had an erratic year, missing big plays when the game hung in the balance, but some real help from his wide receivers could make the passing attack explosive. The air assault is already formidable with Landry passing to Charley Sanders, the premier tight end in the league.

The emergence of Owens as a solid running threat, complemented by the speedy Taylor, gives the Lions the strongest running duo in the league. While everyone seemed to be waiting for Mel Farr's injuries to heal, Owens rushed for 1,000-plus yards last season.

Joe Schmidt has quietly made some changes in his coaching staff, adding two assistants from the St. Louis Cardinals—offensive backfield coach Lee Bennett and defensive line coach Dick Voris. Voris replaces Jim Martin, who remains on the staff to handle the kickers and the special teams.

Chuck Knox remains as offensive line coach, however, and to him must go a lot of the credit for the Lions' revitalized attack. He will have all his starters from last season back. Tackles Jim Yarbrough and Rocky Freitas, guards Chuck Walton and Frank Gallagher, and center Ed Flanagan have an average of five years experience each. And every season they get a bit tougher as a unit.

The Lions' kicking game is well above par, with Errol Mann, who kicked 22 of 37 field goals, and Herman Weaver doing the punting after having ranked second in the league in that department last season. Jessie also gives the Lions a kick return threat since he returned two kickoffs for TDs last season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: "The players know we dropped a handful of games last year on just one play, one breakdown in a key situation," says Schmidt. "They're determined to remedy that." Joe could be right. But before his team makes him look like a prophet, Schmidt has to settle Landry down and bring a pass rush to the Motor City.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	LIONS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	269	210
NET RUSH	2376	1842
Avg Per Game	169.7	131.6
NET PASS	2201	2017
Att/Comp	299-157	306-163
Had Int	14	22
Avg Per Game	157.2	144.0
PUNTS/AVG	42-41.7	58-40.2
Punt Return Yds	23-194	18-111
Avg Per Return	8.4	6.2
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	51-1233	70-1627
Avg Per Return	24.2	23.2
FUMBLES/LOST	35-19	23-11
FIELD GOALS	22-37	16-32
PATS	39-39	35-35
TOTAL POINTS	341	286

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Landry	261/136	13	2237	16
Munson	38/21	1	216	1
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
McCullouch	21	552	26.3	3
Sanders	31	502	16.2	5
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Barney	3	78	26.0	1
LeBeau	6	76	12.7	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Owens	246	1035	4.2	8
Taylor	174	736	4.3	4
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Weaver	42	1752	41.7	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Mann	0	37/37	22/37	103
Owens	10	0/0	0/0	60

Lem Barney
DB, Detroit

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	NY Giants
Sep 24	Minnesota
Oct 1	at Chicago
Oct 8	at Atlanta
Oct 16	Green Bay (n)
Oct 22	San Diego
Oct 30	at Dallas (n)
Nov 5	Chicago
Nov 12	at Minnesota
Nov 19	New Orleans
Nov 23	NY Jets
Dec 3	at Green Bay
Dec 10	at Buffalo
Dec 17	at Los Angeles

Green Bay Packers

(4-8-2)

Whenever things got really rough for the Green Bay Packers last season, Coach Dan Devine took the squad into the film room and showed them action pictures of his winning clubs at old Missouri U. "I couldn't see what college football had to do with the NFL," says Donny Anderson, "so I had to figure Devine was on an ego trip."

Anderson, the one-time "Golden Palamino" from Texas Tech, was shipped off to St. Louis, even up for MacArthur Lane. Lane had a few things to say about his old bosses, too, implying that all their brains were in their stomach. All in all, things ought to work out since Cards' Coach Bob Hollway doesn't have any old college films to show his team, and Green Bay has no owner, per se.

Packers	1971 Results	Opp
40	New York	42
34	Denver	13
20	Cincinnati	17
28	at Detroit	31
13	Minnesota	24
13	at Los Angeles	30
14	Detroit	14
17	at Chicago	14
0	at Minnesota	3
21	at Atlanta	28
21	New Orleans	29
16	at St. Louis	16
31	Chicago	10
6	at Miami	27

Devine, understandably reluctant to let go the memory of his glory days at Columbia, Mo., is nevertheless a proven football tactician. His Packer team last season played a lot of games better than they had a right to, what with all the problems at hand.

Devine's problems began when he was handed a ravaged squad before the start of last season, where age had tattered the edges of an old winning tradition.

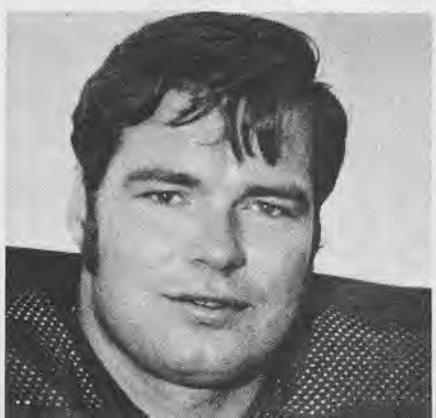
OFFENSE: For one thing, he had to assign a rookie quarterback, Scott Hunter, the difficult task of running the attack. Under constant pressure, Hunter was intercepted once in every ten times he tried to pass last season for a horrendous 10.4 theft percentage. Unless Bart Starr can find the fabled fountain Ponce De Leon never could, Devine will have to go with Hunter again. Rookie Jerry Tagge, the

Green Bay Packers Veteran Roster

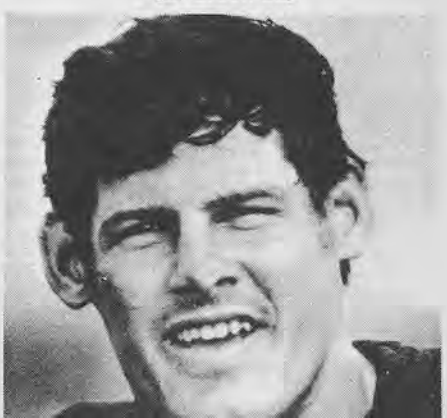
NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	230	29	9	Wisconsin	14
61	Bradley, Dave	G	6-3	245	25	4	Penn St	7
42	Brockington, John	RB	6-1	225	24	2	Ohio St	14
78	Brown, Bob	DT	6-5	260	32	7	Arkansas AM&N	14
53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	238	26	5	Texas-El Paso	14
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	235	24	3	Minnesota	13
36	Carter, Mike (1)	WR	6-1	210	24	2	Sacramento St	0
56	Crutcher, Tommy Joe	LB	6-3	230	31	8	TCU	12
84	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	34	13	Virginia Tech	14
40	Davis, Butch (2)	CB	5-11	185	23	2	Missouri	0
47	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	24	2	Tennessee St	14
79	DeLisle, Jim	DT	6-4	254	23	2	Wisconsin	9
18	Duncan, Ken	K	6-2	210	27	2	Tulsa	2
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	190	24	3	Southern U.	14
88	Garrett, Leonard	TE	6-3	230	24	2	New Mex. Highlands	14
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	255	28	7	Minnesota	14
21	Hall, Charles	CB	6-1	195	24	2	Pittsburgh	14
25	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	210	25	4	Wyoming	13
43	Hart, Doug	S	6-0	190	33	9	Texas-Arlington	14
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	258	26	4	Southern Cal	14
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	244	26	5	Ohio St	14
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	24	2	Alabama	13
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	24	3	St. Norbert	9
	Lane, MacArthur (3)	RB	6-1	220	29	5	Utah State	13
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	235	26	5	Arizona	14
29	Matthews, Al	CB	5-11	190	24	3	Texas A&I	14
75	Michaels, Lou	K	6-4	250	36	14	Kentucky	10
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	284	23	3	Notre Dame	12
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	235	23	3	Elon	14
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB	6-3	235	35	15	Illinois	9
10	Patrick, Frank	QB	6-7	225	25	3	Nebraska	1
71	Peay, Francis	T	6-5	250	28	7	Missouri	14
27	Randolph, Al	S	6-2	205	28	7	Iowa	14
89	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	31	10	Penn St	14
87	Roche, Alden	DT-DE	6-4	255	27	3	Southern U.	14
74	Smith, Donnell	DE	6-4	245	23	2	Southern U.	4
85	Spilis, John	WR	6-3	205	24	4	No. Illinois	14
15	Starr, Bart	QB	6-1	190	38	17	Alabama	4
38	Webster, Tim	K	6-0	195	22	2	Arkansas	4
83	Williams, Clarence	DE	6-5	255	25	3	Prairie View	14
31	Williams, Perry	RB	6-2	219	25	4	Purdue	14
63	Winkler, Randy	G	6-4	260	29	4	Tarleton St	7
54	Winther, Wimpy	C	6-4	260	24	2	Mississippi	11
58	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	240	27	3	Kentucky	14

(1) Last active with Green Bay in '70.
(2) Last active with Chicago in '70.
(3) Played 13 games with St. Louis.

Gale Gillingham
OG, Green Bay



Scott Hunter
QB, Green Bay



Green Bay Packers Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1a	Willie Buchanon	DB	6-0	190	San Diego State
1b	Jerry Tagge	QB	6-2	219	Nebraska
2	Chester Marcol	P-K	6-0	190	Hillsdale (Mich.)
3	None				
4	Eric Patton	LB	6-3	240	Notre Dame
5	None				
6a	Nate Ross	DB	6-1	195	Bethune-Cookman
6b	Dave Pureifory	LB	6-1	240	Eastern Michigan
6c	Bob Hudson	RB	5-11	200	Northeastern St. (Okla.)
7	Bill Bushong	DT	6-3	250	Kentucky
8	Leland Glass	WR	6-0	185	Oregon
9	None				
10	Keith Wortman	OG	6-2	245	Nebraska
11	Dave Bailey	WR	6-1	195	Alabama
12	Mike Rich	RB	6-2	210	Florida
13	Jesse Lakes	RB	5-11	195	Central Michigan
14	Larry Hefner	LB	6-2	215	Clemson
15	Rick Thone	DB	6-1	200	Arkansas Tech
16	Charles Burrell	DT	6-0	290	Arkansas AM&N

do-everything guy who guided Nebraska to two college national championships, may have a hand in the signal calling.

Every cloud has a silver lining, and in the Packers' case it is gold plated. Rookie-of-the-Year John Brockington exploded for 1,000-plus yards in his initial NFL campaign and he should combine with Lane to give Green Bay a solid running attack. Their running ability will also take some of the pressure off whomever winds up at quarterback. Speedsters Dave Hampton and Perry Williams provide good depth.

The offensive line—Francis Peay, Ken Bowman, Bill Lueck, Dick Himes and perennial All-NFL Gale Gillingham—is solid and experienced. They will move an offense, and protect a shrewd quarterback, if Hunter or Tagge can fill this bill.

Mike McCoy
DT, Green Bay

The receiving corps is thread bare, and with 34-year-old Carroll Dale (still slim and swift despite 13 seasons) the lone reliable pass catcher. No help is forthcoming from this year's rookie crop.

DEFENSE: The Packer strength may improve on defense, where Alden Roche, Mike McCoy, Bob Brown and Clarence Williams give them a lot of experienced beef up front. Young Jim Carter will never be the middle linebacker that Ray Nitschke was, but if Dave Robinson is fully recovered from injury, he and rangy Fred Carr will give the Packers two of the best outside men in the business.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at Cleveland
Sep 24	Oakland
Oct 1	Dallas (Mil.)
Oct 8	Chicago
Oct 16	at Detroit (n)
Oct 22	Atlanta (Mil.)
Oct 29	minnesota
Nov 5	San Francisco (Mil.)
Nov 12	at Chicago
Nov 19	at Houston
Nov 26	at Washington
Dec 3	Detroit
Dec 10	at Minnesota
Dec 17	at New Orleans

The club got significant help in the defensive backfield, where it was sorely needed. The Pack gave up 21 TD passes last season! Sure to be an instant star, and one of the true blue-chip prospects from the '71 college class, is cornerback

Fred Carr
LB, Green Bay

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Willie Buchanon of San Diego State. He wili probably take Al Matthews place in the lineup, freeing the rugged Texan for duty at safety. Ken Ellis is the other Packer cornerman. Doug Hart is the sole returning safety, since Willie Wood ended his great career to assume a coach's role.

Perhaps equal in importance to the addition of Buchanon is the drafting of place kicker Chet Marcol out of tiny Hillsdale College. For want of a first-rate place kicker last season, Green Bay lost three games outright and missed ties in two others. Marcol is being touted as the best place kicker on the pro scene since Lou Groza.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Will the old maestro come back? Well, maybe. But even if he does, Bart Starr doesn't have anyone to throw to. The Packers' running attack will again shoulder the bulk of the offensive effort. The defense will be tough to run on and should be a bit improved against the pass. Still, it's going to be awhile before the Pack is back.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	PACKERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	208	230
NET RUSH	2227	1707
Avg Per Game	159.1	121.9
NET PASS	1687	2301
Att/Comp	254-121	352-186
Had Int	24	16
Avg Per Game	120.5	164.3
PUNTS/AVG	56.40.0	63-38.9
Punt Return Yds	37-174	23-177
Avg Per Return	4.7	7.7
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	58-1546	56-1248
Avg Per Return	26.7	22.3
FUMBLES/LOST	29-33	33-16
FIELD GOALS	14-25	18-34
PATS	31-32	34-34
TOTAL POINTS	274	298

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Hunter	163/75	17	1210	7
Starr	45/24	3	286	0
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dale	31	598	19.3	4
McGeorge	27	463	17.2	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hart	2	73	36.5	0
Robinson	3	44	14.7	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Brockington	216	1105	5.1	4
Anderson	186	757	4.1	5
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Anderson	50	2022	40.4	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Michaels	0	18/19	8/14	42
Anderson	6	0/0	0/0	36

Packer Dave Hampton (25) slips the grasp of Ram defender en route to long gain.

Chicago Bears

(6-8-0)

Abe Gibron did a great job playing himself in "Brian's Song," the smash television movie about Brian Piccolo and Gale Sayers. Now Gibron has a more difficult role ahead of him—portraying a Chicago Bear head football coach, a thespic task which has only been handled once in history, for a long run, by the old Hamlet, George Halas.

The NFL has it on good authority—from that night-blooming jasmine in Oakland, George Blanda—that Halas is "brilliant." There is, however, an "only": Says Blanda, "Only I think pro football passed Halas by—about 1954."

Bears	1971 Results	Opp
17	Pittsburgh	15
20	at Minnesota	17
3	at Los Angeles	17
35	New Orleans	14
0	at San Francisco	13
28	at Detroit	23
23	Dallas	19
14	Green Bay	17
16	Washington	15
3	Detroit	28
3	at Miami	34
3	at Denver	6
10	at Green Bay	31
10	Minnesota	27

It was about five years later (1959) that Gibron became an NFL coach, so maybe he can catch up with history. It is a mammoth task equal to Gibron's considerable girth. The Bears last season were dead last on offense in the NFC—and on the other hand they were next-to-last in defense. Considering these statistics, it is a miracle of sorts that the Bears were able to win six games out of 14.

They accomplished this with a scrambling chutzpah that is still the hallmark of a Halas team. There are intangibles in the league with which you cannot argue, and one of them is that if the Bears could only gather together a modicum of talent, they might walk away with the whole ball of wax.

OFFENSE: There seems to be no immediate help on the Bear horizon, unless some friendly fate would decree that Gale Sayers could be healthy again, to the delight of all pro football fans. Until then, there is some hope that flashy Cyril Pinder can do some imitations of Sayers' breakaways. Pinder averaged 4.9 yards a carry last season, which wasn't easy behind the Chicago offensive line.

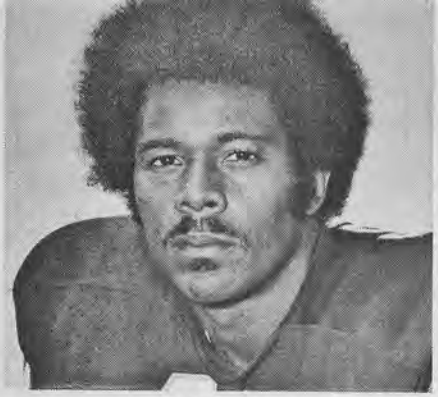
In that department, there is some help, in a monster rookie tackle out of Southern Illinois, Houston Antoine. He is 6-7 and 255 and agile enough to have played tight end in college. He will be a Chicago starter in about the second quarter of their first exhibition game and he may do something about the most appalling Bear statistic—which showed the quarterback being spilled 49 times.

The only other Grade-A draftee was defensive back Craig Clemons of Iowa, but it should tell you something about Clemons that the Bears have him slotted at the safety position. In the NFL, you draft corner backs, and when they get old or when they have proven they can't go man-to-man, you move them to safety.

Chicago Bears Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
46	Baynham, Craig (1)	RB	6-1	203	27	5	Georgia Tech	0
31	Brupbacher, Ross	LB	6-3	215	23	3	Texas A&M	14
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-3	230	27	7	Louisville	14
51	Butkus, Dick	LB	6-3	245	29	8	Illinois	14
72	Cadile, Jim	G	6-3	250	31	11	San Jose St	13
53	Coady, Rich	C	6-3	245	26	3	Memphis St	14
11	Concannon, Jack	QB	6-3	200	29	9	Boston College	3
70	Curchin, Jeff	T	6-6	255	24	3	Florida St	12
19	Douglass, Bobby	QB	6-4	225	24	4	Kansas	13
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	214	23	3	UCLA	14
32	Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	185	23	2	Houston	14
45	Gordon, Dick	WR	5-11	190	28	8	Michigan St	13
33	Grabowski, Jim	RB	6-2	220	27	7	Illinois	12
88	Green, Bobby Joe	P	5-11	175	35	13	Florida	14
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	220	23	3	Southern Cal	14
75	Hale, Dave	DT	6-8	255	24	4	Ottawa, Kan.	12
50	Hamlin, Gene	C	6-3	245	25	3	W. Michigan	7
17	Hardy, Cliff	CB	6-0	188	25	2	Michigan St	1
35	Harrison, Jim	RB	6-4	235	23	2	Missori	2
79	Hoffman, John	DE	6-7	260	28	4	Hawaii	1
61	Holloway, Glen	G	6-3	250	23	3	N. Texas St	14
85	Holman, Willie	DE	6-4	250	27	5	S. Carolina St	14
65	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	250	27	6	Florida	14
29	Jeter, Bob	CB	6-1	200	34	10	Iowa	9
44	Lyle, Garry	S	6-2	198	26	5	George Washington	14
71	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	23	2	Bishop	14
18	Moore, Jerry	S	6-3	208	22	2	Arkansas	11
49	Moore, Joe	RB	6-1	205	22	2	Missouri	9
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	250	22	2	Nebraska	12
16	Nix, Kent	QB	6-2	198	27	6	TCU	8
87	O'Bradovich, Ed	DE	6-4	255	31	11	Illinois	14
38	Ogden, Ray	TE	6-5	225	29	8	Alabama	6
83	Percival, Mac	K	6-4	220	32	6	Texas Tech	14
22	Pinder, Cyril	RB	6-2	210	24	5	Illinois	12
53	Rowden, Larry	LB	6-2	220	22	2	Houston	14
40	Sayers, Gale	RB	6-0	190	28	8	Kansas	2
67	Seals, George	DT	6-3	260	29	9	Missouri	14
84	Seymour, Jim	WR	6-4	210	25	3	Notre Dame	10
24	Shy, Don	RB	6-1	210	25	6	San Diego St	11
48	Smith, Ron	CB	6-1	195	28	8	Wisconsin	14
76	Staley, Bill	DT	6-2	250	25	5	Utah St	11
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-1	200	31	6	N. Carolina A&T	13
84	Thomas, Earl	TE	6-3	224	23	2	Houston	11
34	Tucker, Bill	RB	6-2	219	28	6	Tennessee St	14
21	Turner, Cecil	WR	5-10	176	27	5	Cal Poly-Obispo	14
89	Wallace, Bob	TE	6-3	220	26	5	Texas-El Paso	14
73	Wright, Steve	T	6-6	250	29	9	Alabama	14

(1) Missed entire '71 season because of injury.



Dick Gordon
WR, Chicago

There are other signs of improvement, however, in the force-feeding the Bears gave some youngsters the last two seasons. Joe Moore, delayed by ankle woes, could pair with Pinder in the offensive backfield.

Flanker George Farmer and linebacker Ross Brupbacher are budding stars from the Bears' 1970 rookie crop. Free safety Jerry Moore and cornerback Charlie Ford suffered nobly being introduced to NFL passing attacks last season, and now they have got to be better.

Chicago Bears Rookie Roster
(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1a	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-7	255	Southern Illinois
1b	Clemons, Craig	DB	6-1	190	Iowa
2	Choice to Philadelphia				
3	Musso, Johnny*	RB	5-11	191	Alabama
4	Choice to Los Angeles				
5	Parsons, Bob	TE	6-4	235	Penn St
6	Pifferini, Bob	LB	6-3	220	UCLA
7a	Fassell, Jim	QB	6-3	210	Long Beach St
7b	Osborne, James	DT	6-3	245	Southern University
8	Wirtz, Ralph	WR	6-4	195	North Dakota St
9	Horton, Larry	DT	6-4	239	Iowa
10	Turnbull, Jack	C	6-3	235	Oregon St
11	Wimberly, Ed	DB	6-4	183	Jackson St
12	Neill, Doug	RB	6-1	198	Texas A&M
13	Rood, Jay	T	6-6	265	Springfield, S.D.
14	Brown, Bob	WR	6-0	189	Rice
15	Lawson, Roger	RB	6-2	212	Western Michigan
16	McKinney, Bill	LB	6-1	230	West Texas St
17	Dickinson, Laverne	DB	6-0	190	Southern University

* (signed with Canadian team)

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	Atlanta
Sep 24	Los Angeles
Oct 1	Detroit
Oct 8	at Green Bay
Oct 15	at Cleveland
Oct 23	Minnesota (n)
Oct 29	at St. Louis
Nov 5	at Detroit
Nov 12	Green Bay
Nov 19	San Francisco
Nov 26	Cincinnati
Dec 3	at Minnesota
Dec 10	at Philadelphia
Dec 17	at Oakland

At last report, the Chicago quarterback situation was as muddled as ever, a mishmash of erratic performers: in alphabetical order, Bobby Douglass and Jack Concannon and Kent Nix. Since Concannon was the only one with a completion percentage above .500, had by far the lowest percentage of interceptions and is the fellow with the most experience, you'd think the job would be his. This is not the way things work in Chicago,

Mac Percival
K, Chicago

where Halas remembers he won a title with Billy Wade in 1963.

DEFENSE: Waiting for somebody to put the rest of the team together, so he can make it all work superbly, is middle linebacker Dick Butkus, the Madman of the Midway who won the sixth and final victory of the Chicago season by catching a pass for the deciding extra point. You could look it up.

Butkus, playing on a sore knee and with little help from his tackles, was as fearsome as ever. His main help came from corner linebacker Doug Buffone, a seven-year veteran who keeps getting better every season. But the four people up front—Holman, Seals, Staley and O'Bradovich—are people waiting for replacements before the Bears can be fearsome enough again to challenge Minnesota and Detroit in the Central standings.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Gibron, a well-met personality whose friendliness may obscure what is also a ton of intelligence about NFL football, is well aware of the Bears' shortcomings. So much so, that he is even toying with a radical departure—one-platoon football. That is, "in certain down and yardage situations" the offense and defense will be "interchangeable." For example, could Butkus do you a job as a blocking tight end? Maybe, but the Bears need fifteen Butkus's to improve their conference standing. Also, says Gibron, "We should be 100 percent hitters, not 75 percent." He must have read that in a coaching manual. Inept the Bears may be. Hitters they have always been.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	BEARS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	189	234
NET RUSH	1434	2116
Avg Per Game	102.0	151.0
NET PASS	1902	2404
Att/Comp	443-186	362-192
Had Int	28	22
Avg Per Game	136.0	172.0
PUNTS/AVG	77-40.1	66-40.8
Punt Return Yds	36-266	31-170
Avg Per Return	7.4	5.5
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	59-1327	32-819
Avg Per Return	22.5	25.6
FUMBLES/LOST	28-18	36-23
FIELD GOALS	15-33	24-39
PATS	20-20	28-29
TOTAL POINTS	185	276

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Douglass	225/91	15	1164	5
Nix	137/51	10	760	6
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Farmer	46	737	16.0	5
Gordon	43	610	14.2	5
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ford	5	46	9.2	0
Butkus	4	9	2.2	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Shy	116	420	3.6	2
Pinder	63	311	4.9	1
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Green	77	3088	40.1	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Percival	0	18/18	15/33	63
Farmer	5	0/0	0/0	30

NFC WEST

Les Josephson (34) takes off behind blocking wall of Willie Ellison (33) and Joe Scibelli (71).

Los Angeles Rams

(8-5-1)

Imaginative. That's what Tommy Prothro is. Fresh out of UCLA last season, he inserted end-arounds, double reverses, fake punts and fake field goals in the Rams' arsenal of scoring weapons. These plays weren't unique, of course, but the frequency with which Prothro used them brought back memories of Jim Thorpe, the old Canton Bulldogs and the Single-Wing formation.

To Prothro, these innovations played an integral part in the Rams' attack. Their use kept opponents off-balance. "This," he explained, "serves to give the rest of the attack more of a chance to succeed." It also delighted the purple-and-orange shirted, micro-mini set that watched the Rams' games in Los Angeles, the haven of the "do your thing" legion.

Rams	1971 Results	Opp
20	at New Orleans	24
20	Atlanta	20
17	Chicago	3
20	at San Francisco	13
24	at Atlanta	16
30	Green Bay	13
14	Miami	20
17	at Baltimore	24
21	at Detroit	13
17	San Francisco	6
21	at Dallas	28
45	New Orleans	28
24	Washington	38
23	at Pittsburgh	14

How successful Prothro's innovations were is hard to evaluate. The Rams slipped a bit to an 8-5-1 record last season (they finished 9-4-1 the year before), but their schedule included Miami, Dallas, Baltimore, Washington and San Francisco (twice).

Prothro complements his creativity with an avowed liking for young players being actively involved in the team's play. The ideal situation, according to him, is to have anywhere from five to eight rookies available each year. Ten first year men saw action last season, five of them playing often enough to be considered regulars.

Having rookies with the ability of an Isiah Robertson, or a Dave Elmendorf gives this philosophy a greater chance of succeeding. Robertson was the NFL's top defensive rookie last season, while Elmendorf made the league's all-rookie team in 1971.

OFFENSE: With quarterback Roman Gabriel hampered by aching ribs early last season, the Rams did more running than usual. The results were rewarding. Willie Ellison set an NFL single game record with 247 yards rushing on his way to a season total of exactly 1,000. Veterans Les Josephson and Larry Smith also had good years, resulting in the Rams finishing fourth in the NFC in rushing. Rookie Jim Bertelsen from Texas stands the best chance of breaking into this group, with speedster Travis Williams

Los Angeles Rams Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
39	Alexander, Kermit	S	5-11	186	31	10	UCLA	14
77	Buzin, Rich	T	6-4	250	26	5	Penn St	5
79	Bacon, Coy	DE	6-4	270	29	5	Jackson St	14
70	Carollo, Joe	G-T	6-2	265	32	11	Notre Dame	11
73	Cowan, Charlie	T	6-4	265	34	12	New Mex. Highlands	14
88	Curran, Pat	TE	6-3	238	26	4	Lakeland	14
	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	26	4	San Diego St.	14
33	Ellison, Willie	RB	6-2	200	26	6	Texas Southern	14
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	23	2	Texas A&M	14
59	Ferguson, Jim (2)	C	6-4	240	29	3	Southern Cal	0
18	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	32	11	No. Carolina St	14
36	Geddes, Ken	LB	6-3	235	25	2	Nebraska	14
56	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	212	26	4	Washington	12
23	Haymond, Alvin	S-CB	6-0	194	30	9	Southern U.	12
21	Howard, Gene	CB	6-0	190	25	5	Langston, Okla.	14
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	33	12	S.E. Missouri	14
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	30	8	Augustana, S.D.	13
80	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	25	4	Southern Cal	14
68	LaHood, Mike	G	6-3	250	27	4	Wyoming	9
86	McKeever, Marlin	LB	6-1	235	32	12	Southern Cal	14
65	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	28	7	Michigan	14
48	Maslowski, Matt	WR	6-3	210	22	2	San Diego	14
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	24	2	Oregon St	6
19	Nettles, Jim	CB	5-10	177	30	8	Wisconsin	14
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	32	11	Utah St	14
72	Olsen, Phil	DT	6-5	265	24	2	Utah St	10
57	Parish, Don (3)	LB	6-1	220	24	3	Stanford	2
52	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	26	4	Notre Dame	12
53	Purnell, Jim	LB	6-1	220	30	9	Wisconsin	14
27	Ray, David	K-WR	6-0	195	28	4	Alabama	14
13	Rentzel, Lance	WR	6-2	202	28	8	Oklahoma	14
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	24	3	Tennessee	4
17	Rhome, Jerry	QB	6-0	188	30	7	Tulsa	14
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	23	2	Southern U.	14
61	Saul, Rich	G-C	6-2	235	24	3	Michigan St	14
76	Schuh, Harry	T	6-3	260	29	8	Memphis St	14
71	Scibelli, Joe	G	6-0	255	33	12	Notre Dame	14
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	25	4	Florida	14
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	29	8	Notre Dame	14
55	Staggs, Jeff (4)	LB	6-2	246	28	6	San Diego St	5
28	Studstill, Pat	P-WR	6-0	175	34	11	Houston	14
35	Thomas Bob	RB	5-10	201	23	2	Arizona St	6
24	Williams, Clarence	CB	6-3	194	29	8	Washington St	6
46	Williams, Roger	S	5-10	180	26	2	Grambling	4
25	Williams, Travis	RB	6-1	210	27	6	Arizona St	14
77	Wilson, Jim (5)	T	6-3	258	29	5	Georgia	0
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	250	22	2	Florida	14

(2) Missed entire '71 season because of injury; last active with Chicago in 1969.
(3) Played 1 game with St. Louis, 1 game with Los Angeles.
(4) Played 5 games with San Diego.
(5) Missed 1969-70-71 seasons because of injury.

Rams' Willie Ellison (33) hurdles a Falcon defender as he charges for more real estate.

helping out when he isn't running back kicks.

Once Gabriel got used to his sore ribs, he began to connect like the Gabe of old. Although his fifty-one percent completion mark was low compared to his previous standards, he was still prolific enough to rank ninth in the NFL overall in passing.

Gabe didn't show any particular preference when he went to the air last season, hitting Lance Rentzel 38 times and Jack Snow 37. Once Rentzel gets used to the Rams' system, he could provide them with the deep threat that the slower Snow cannot. Tight end Bob Klien caught only 14 passes last season, but four of them went for scores. UCLA's Bob Christiansen, the Rams' No. 5 draftee, is an excellent receiver as a tight end, but he doesn't have Klein's toughness as a blocker.

The offensive interior is among the best in the league, built around center Ken Iman, guard Joe Scibelli and his counterpart, Tom Mack, a unanimous All-Pro last year. Veteran Charley Cowan and ex-Oakland standout Harry Schuh at tackles are two of the best pass blockers around.

DEFENSE: The Deacon is gone, but Dryer is in. David Jones, said to be slowing down, was shipped off to San Diego and, in his place, the Rams added ex-Giant, ex-Patriot Fred Dryer. Dryer, a Pro-Bowler as recently as 1970, will have to fight off second year man Jack Youngblood for the Deacon's old spot on the flank. Coy Bacon is all alone at the other end.

The Olsen brothers, All-Pro Merlin and oft-injured Phil, will work the tackle spots. Big sophomore Bill Nelsen (6-7, 270) won't give in to the younger Olsen without a struggle.

Robertson, the sensation from South-

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	RAMS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	234	239
NET RUSH	2139	1658
Avg Per Game	152.7	118.1
NET PASS	2094	2379
Att/Comp	370-185	387-200
Had Int	11	27
Avg Per Game	149.5	170.0
PUNTS/AVG	70-41.4	66-39.4
Punt Return Yds	35-172	27-67
Avg Per Return	4.9	2.5
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	54-1322	57-1176
Avg Per Return	24.5	20.6
FUMBLES/LOST	32-18	22-7
FIELD GOALS	18-29	17-30
PATS	37-37	29-30
TOTAL POINTS	313	260

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Gabriel	352/180	10	2239	17
Rhome	18/5	1	66	1
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Snow	37	666	18.0	5
Rentzel	38	534	14.0	5
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alexander	3	122	40.6	1
Howard	6	99	16.5	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Ellizon	211	1000	4.8	4
Josephson	99	449	4.5	3
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Studstill	70	2896	41.0	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Ray	0	37/37	18/29	91
Rentzel	6	0/0	0/0	36

Los Angeles defense has just about destroyed Packer Dave Hampton (25).

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	New Orleans
Sep 24	at Chicago
Oct 1	at Atlanta
Oct 8	San Francisco
Oct 15	at Philadelphia
Oct 22	Cincinnati
Oct 29	at Oakland
Nov 5	Atlanta
Nov 12	Denver
Nov 19	Minnesota
Nov 26	at New Orleans
Dec 4	at San Francisco (n)
Dec 10	at St. Louis
Dec 17	Detroit

ern University, made the inevitable rookie mistakes last season, but his potential is unlimited. He'll work the weak side linebacking spot, with Jim Purnell on the strong side. Marlin McKeever, entering his 12th year, won the position in the middle from young Jack Reynolds last year, but he may not be able to do it again.

The LA secondary needs help. Rookie Elmendorf, Kermit Alexander, Jim Nettles and Gene Howard were far too vulnerable to the pass last season. First year men John Saunders from Toledo and Eddie Phillips, the ex-Texas quarterback, could help out.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A strong running attack and a healthier Gabriel should be enough to help the Rams overhaul San Francisco for NFC West honors. The defense, long LA's forte, has its problem areas, especially in the secondary. But we feel this is the year the Rams will cop their division title.

Los Angeles Rams Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	None				
2	Jim Bertelsen	RB	6-0	205	Texas
3	Larry McCutcheon	RB	6-1	205	Colorado St
4a	John Saunders	DB	6-3	202	Toledo
4b	Eddie Phillips	DB	6-0	200	Texas
5a	Bobby Childs	OG	6-3	270	Kansas
5b	Bob Christiansen	TE	6-4	230	UCLA
6	Ed Herbert	DE	6-4	260	Texas Southern
7	None				
8	Tom Graham	WR	6-2	205	Baldwin Wallace
9	Harry Howard	DB	6-1	190	Ohio State
10	Jim Massey	DB-RB	6-0	200	Linfield
11	Albert Schmidt	RB	6-2	205	Pittsburgh St. (Kan.)
12	David Hoot	DB	6-1	197	Texas A&M
13	Jamie Nunez	P-K	5-10	165	Weber St
14	Larry Brooks	DT	6-3	270	Virginia St
15	Kenny Page	LB	6-3	227	Kansas
16	Jim Kirby	RB	6-0	190	Long Beach St
17a	Luther Palmer	TE	6-2	212	Virginia Union
17b	John McKean	OC	6-1	230	Oregon

San Francisco 49ers

(9-5-0)

The 49ers had to go down to the closing minutes of the final quarter of the final NFL game (at the far end of the country's time zones) before capturing their division title last year. A loss would, in fact, have knocked them completely out of the playoffs.

This cliffhanger finish, a victory over stubborn Detroit, indicated that it was not a banner year for San Francisco, as was proven when Dallas shut the 49ers completely down in the NFC title game.

OFFENSE: It was not a banner year for quarterback John Brodie, although he completed fifty-three percent of his passes, 18 for scores. However, Brodie also fired 24 interceptions. Only the Chargers' John Hadl and Buffalo's Dennis Shaw, both quarterbacks for losing teams, threw more interceptions in the NFL last year.

The large number of interceptions Brodie threw was not due to a lack of out-

49ers	1971 Results	Opp
17	at Atlanta	20
38	at New Orleans	20
31	at Philadelphia	3
13	Los Angeles	20
13	Chicago	0
26	at St. Louis	14
27	New England	10
13	at Minnesota	9
20	New Orleans	26
6	at Los Angeles	17
24	at NY Jets	21
17	Kansas City	26
24	Atlanta	3
31	Detroit	27

San Francisco 49ers Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
79	Banaszek, Cas	T	6-3	250	26	5	Northwestern	14
50	Beard, Ed	LB	6-1	221	32	8	Tennessee	14
65	Beisler, Randy	G	6-5	250	27	7	Indiana	14
72	Belk, Bill	DE	6-3	253	27	5	Maryland St	8
75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-5	261	27	5	Auburn	14
12	Brodie, John	QB	6-1	203	37	16	Stanford	14
66	Collett, Elmer	G	6-4	240	27	6	San Francisco St	14
42	Cunningham, Doug	RB	6-0	191	27	6	Mississippi	14
26	Douglas, John (1)	CB	6-1	195	27	5	Texas Southern	0
74	Edwards, Earl	DT	6-6	262	27	4	Wichita	14
23	Fuller, Johnny	CB-S	6-0	185	27	5	Lamar	14
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-0	228	30	9	Richmond	14
86	Hardman, Cedrick	DE	6-3	252	24	3	N. Texas St	14
20	Harris, Tony	S	6-2	189	24	2	Toledo	4
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-3	248	27	5	Morris Brown	14
80	Hindman, Stan	DT	6-3	246	28	7	Mississippi	9
56	Hoskins, Bob	G	6-2	253	27	3	Wichita	7
17	Isenbarger, John	RB	6-3	205	25	3	Indiana	14
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	187	34	12	UCLA	14
70	Krueger, Charlie	DT	6-4	268	35	14	Texas A&M	14
82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	223	25	4	Penn St	14
15	McCann, Jim	P	6-2	163	23	2	Arizona St	13
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	230	27	6	Michigan	14
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	258	29	5	Grambling	14
32	Phillips, Mel	S	6-2	194	30	7	N. Carolina A&T	13
85	Riley, Preston	WR	6-0	180	24	3	Memphis St	14
76	Rohde, Len	T	6-4	248	34	13	Utah St	14
35	Schreiber, Larry	RB	6-0	201	24	2	Tennessee Tech	14
78	Silas, Sam (2)	DT	6-4	249	31	10	So. Illinois	0
38	Simpson, Mike	CB	5-11	168	25	3	Houston	8
58	Sniadecki, Jim	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Indiana	14
11	Spurrier, Steve	QB	6-1	203	27	6	Florida St	6
44	Taylor, Bruce	CB	6-0	187	24	3	Boston U.	14
24	Thomas, Jimmy	WR	6-1	214	25	4	Texas-Arlington	10
52	Vanderbundt, Skip	LB	6-3	224	25	4	Oregon St	14
18	Washington, Gene	WR	6-1	188	25	4	Stanford	14
22	Washington, Vic	RB	5-10	196	26	2	Wyoming	14
67	Watson, John	T	6-4	248	23	2	Oklahoma	14
64	Wilcox, Dave	LB	6-2	239	29	9	Oregon	14
40	Willard, Ken	RB	6-2	216	29	8	North Carolina	14
89	Windsor, Bob	TE	6-4	226	29	6	Kentucky	13
88	Witcher, Dick	WR	6-3	204	28	7	UCLA	14

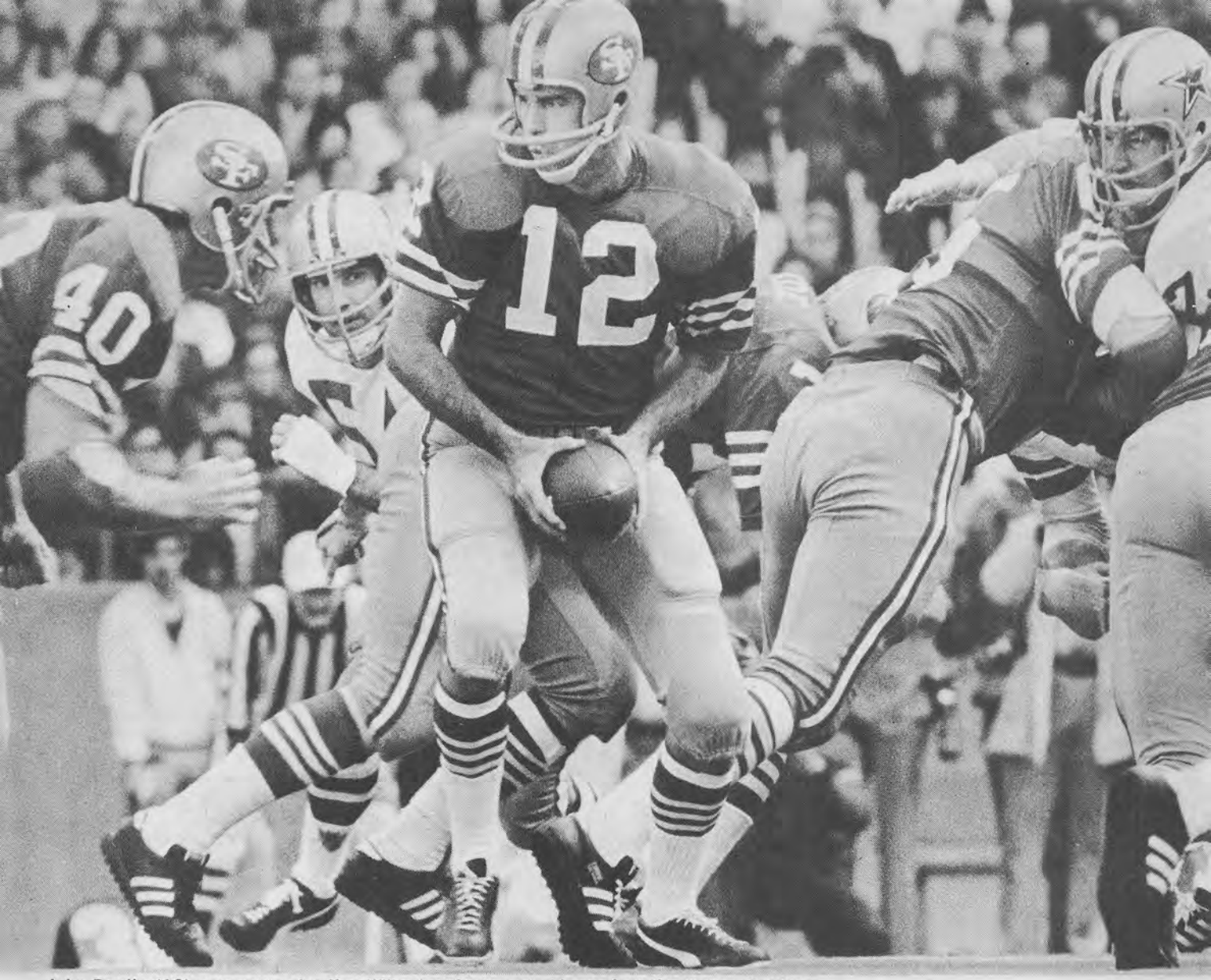
(1) Last active with Houston in '69.
(2) Last active with San Francisco in '70.

Bruce Taylor
DB, San Francisco

Ted Kwalick
TE, San Francisco

Cedrick Hardman
SE, San Francisco

Forrest Blue
C, San Francisco



John Brodie (12) gets set to give Ken Willard (40) the pigskin against the Dallas Cowboys.

standing pass receivers. He had one of the best groups in the league to work with. Tight end Ted Kwalick had a brilliant year, ranking second in the NFC with 52 receptions. Wide receiver Gene Washington wasn't far behind with 46 catches, while the other wide receiver, Dick Witcher, caught 18. The situation is further brightened by the arrival of No. 1 draft choice Terry Beasley of Auburn, and No. 3 selection Allen Dunbar of Southern (La.) University.

The 49ers' running attack was stronger than it has been in years last season, due primarily to the acquisition of Vic Washington from the Canadian Ranks. Washington, a speedster from Arizona State, gave San Francisco the break-away threat it needed to complement hard-nosed fullback Ken Willard. Willard, with a lot of pressure diverted by Washington's presence, gained 855 yards, while the rookie himself scampered for 811 a year ago.

San Francisco 49ers Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Beasley, Terry	WR	5-11	186	Auburn
2a	McGill, Ralph	CB	6-0	181	Tulsa
2b	Barrett, Jean	T	6-6	256	Tulsa
3	Dunbar, Allen	WR	6-0	196	Southern U
4	Hall, Windlan	DB	5-11	170	Arizona St.
5a	Greene, Mike	LB	6-4	225	Georgia
5c	Huff, Marty	LB	6-2	231	Michigan
6	Walker, Jackie	DB	6-0	186	Tennessee
7	Hardy, Edgar	G	6-4	233	Jackson St.
8	Wittum, Tom	K-P	6-1	185	Northern Illinois
9	Brown, Jerry	DB	5-11	170	Northwestern
10	Williams, Steve	DT	6-4	251	Western Carolina
11					
12	Setzler, Steve	DE	6-3	233	St. John's (Minn.)
13	Pettigrew, Leon	T	6-5	228	San Francisco St.
14					
15					
16	Davis, Ron	G	6-2	235	Virginia St.
17	Alexander, Ted	RB	6-0	198	Langston

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	49ERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	257	199
NET RUSH	2129	1668
Avg.Per Game	152.1	119.1
NET PASS	2577	2011
Att/Comp	391-209	341-152
Had Int	24	14
Avg Per Game	184.1	143.6
PUNTS/AVG	51-38.7	73-39.7
Punt Return Yds	39-268	19-44
Avg Per Return	6.9	2.3
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	46-1075	61-1467
Avg Per Return	23.4	24.0
FUMBLES/LOST	33-18	31-16
FIELD GOALS	23-36	19-33
PATS	33-33	21-23
TOTAL POINTS	300	216

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Brodie	387/208	24	2642	18
Spurrier	411	0	46	0
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
G. Washington	46	884	19.2	4
Kwalick	52	664	12.8	5
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Taylor	3	68	22.7	0
Fuller	2	57	28.5	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Willard	216	855	4.0	4
V.Washington	191	811	4.2	3
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
McCann	49	1897	38.7	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Gossett	0	32/32	23/36	101
V.Washington	7	0/0	0/0	42

Vic Washington (22) finds an opening against the Chargers.

Doug Cunningham, a starter until Washington's arrival, provides back-up.

The 49ers' offensive has been nicknamed "The Protectors," and with good reason. All-Pro center Forrest Blue, guards Randy Beisler and Woody Peoples, and tackles Len Rhode and Cas Banaszek are a strong, experienced unit. Rookies who could help out here include Jean Barrett (6-6, 256) from Tulsa and Edgar Hardy (6-4, 233) from Jackson State.

DEFENSE: How important is Cedrick Hardman to the defense? Last season the 49ers sacked enemy passers 38 times, second only to Dallas in the NFC. Hardman made 18 of these all by himself.

Without him, end Tommy Hart, and tackles Charlie Krueger and Earle Edwards will have their problems. If Hardman doesn't fully recover from off-season knee surgery (a prospect that terrifies Nolan), Bill Belk will fill in for him.

All-Pro Dave Wilcox, Frank Nunley and Skip Vanderbunt make up the linebacking corps. After them, prospects are a bit dim with young Jim Sniadecki and old Ed Bear the best of the veteran lot. Big Steve Williams (6-4, 251) from Western Carolina is a rookie who might help.

The secondary is one of the finest in the NFC, but depth is badly needed here. All-Pro Jimmy Johnson and young Bruce Taylor will work the corners, with veteran Mel Phillips at one safety.

The 49ers grabbed a number of defensive backs in the college draft, including Ralph McGill from Tulsa, Windlan Hall of Arizona State, and Jackie Walker, Tennessee's All-American linebacker, who'll be tried in the secondary.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: **If John Brodie can get back on the beam and display some of his 1970 form, the 49er offense will be overpowering. The defense will be strong if Hardman is again patrolling his flank. Look for San Francisco to be either no. 1 or no. 2 in the NFC West.**

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	San Diego
Sep 24	at Buffalo
Oct 1	at New Orleans
Oct 8	at Los Angeles
Oct 15	NY Giants
Oct 22	New Orleans
Oct 29	at Atlanta
Nov 5	at Green Bay (mil.)
Nov 12	Baltimore
Nov 19	at Chicago
Nov 23	at Dallas
Dec 4	Los Angeles (n)
Dec 10	Atlanta
Dec 16	Minnesota

Atlanta Falcons

(7-6-1)

Falcons' Coach Norm Van Brocklin has a tendency to use the Dallas Cowboys as a measure for his own teams' performances. Back when the Old Dutchman was the mentor of the Minnesota Vikings and his team has just blitzed the Cowboys by 50 points, Van Brocklin observed: "They are about where we were two years ago."

Now Van Brocklin is using the Cowboys as a gauge against which to evaluate the progress of his new club, the Falcons. "The Cowboys didn't reach .500 until their sixth season when they got to 7-7," he says. "We were just over .500 last year in our sixth season and I think we have a better team now than Dallas did then."

This is all a part of Van Brocklin's new program that is designed to sell his team—"a positive attitude." Somebody probably had to explain what this meant to the Dutchman, because he never had a negative attitude on a football field in his life.

Falcons	1971 Results	Opp
20	San Francisco	17
20	at Los Angeles	20
38	at Detroit	41
9	St. Louis	26
16	Los Angeles	24
28	New Orleans	6
31	at Cleveland	14
9	at Cincinnati	6
17	NY Giants	21
28	Green Bay	21
7	at Minnesota	24
24	Oakland	13
3	at San Francisco	24
24	at New Orleans	20

Looking back, that little bit of extra plus in attitude may have been all that kept Atlanta from achieving the upset of the decade—a sneak past stumbling San Francisco into the division title.

The Falcons finished 7-6-1, their first better than .500 record in history. And Van Brocklin emphasizes: "There were three or four other games we had a chance to win and didn't. The players have had all these months to think about what those games meant to us."

OFFENSE: With just a bit of improvement here and there, the Falcons could in-

Hustlin' Harmon Wages sets his sights on opening in Ram defense.

Atlanta Falcons Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
52	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	214	28	5	Illinois	14
54	Allen, Grady	LB	6-2	222	26	5	Texas A&M	3
37	Bell, Bill	K	6-1	189	24	2	Kansas	14
28	Belton, Willie	RB	5-11	196	23	2	Maryland St	14
17	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	178	30	8	Oregon	11
62	Bramlett, John	LB	6-1	220	30	8	Memphis St	7
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Houston	14
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-2	198	23	2	W. Texas St	10
19	Brunson, Mike (1)	WR	6-0	186	25	2	Arizona St	0
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	24	2	San Diego St	14
33	Butler, Jim	RB	5-9	194	29	8	Edward Waters	13
81	Chesson, Wes	WR	6-2	189	23	2	Duke	14
88	Condren, Glen	DT	6-3	251	30	7	Oklahoma	12
	Conway, Dave (2)	K	6-1	215	27	1	Texas	1
84	Donohoe, Mike	TE	6-3	228	27	4	San Francisco	9
59	Hansen, Don	LB	6-2	221	28	6	Illinois	14
10	Hart, Leo	QB	6-4	203	23	2	Duke	1
27	Hayes, Tom	CB	6-1	193	26	2	San Diego St	14
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-5	255	28	5	Tennessee St	14
46	Jarvis, Ray	WR	5-11	193	23	2	Norfolk St	2
75	Kunz, George	T	6-5	253	25	4	Notre Dame	14
69	Lewis, Mike	DE	6-4	231	23	2	Arkansas AM&N	9
26	Lothridge, Billy	P	6-1	200	30	9	Georgia Tech	9
20	McCauley, Tom	S	6-3	193	25	4	Wisconsin	4
25	Malone, Art	RB	5-11	200	24	3	Arizona St	13
53	Matlock, John	C	6-3	252	27	5	Miami	12
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	255	23	3	Oregon	14
55	Miller, Jim	G	6-3	240	23	2	Iowa	14
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	225	24	4	Prairie View	14
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB	6-3	237	28	7	Texas	4
35	Plummer, Tony	S	5-11	190	25	3	Pacific	7
85	Poage, Ray	TE	6-3	215	31	9	Texas	4
23	Profit, Joe	RB	6-0	204	23	2	N.E. Louisiana	4
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	204	27	7	Norfolk St	14
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-6	256	29	7	Pacific	14
30	Shears, Larry	CB	5-10	185	23	2	Lincoln, Mo.	9
11	Shiner, Dick	QB	6-0	201	30	9	Maryland	10
66	Small, John	DT	6-4	257	25	3	Citadel	14
67	Snider, Malcolm	G	6-4	251	25	4	Stanford	13
80	Snyder, Todd	WR	6-1	182	23	3	Ohio U.	4
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	241	26	4	Kentucky	14
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-1	215	26	5	Florida	14
71	Zook, John	DE	6-5	248	24	4	Kansas	14

(1) Last active with Atlanta in '70.
(2) Played 1 game with Green Bay

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	FALCONS	OPP
FIRST DOWN	221	237
NET RUSH	1703	2149
Avg Per Game	121.7	152.1
NET PASS	2256	1638
Att/Comp	285-167	343-164
Had Int	21	20
Avg Per Game	161.2	117.0
PUNTS/AVG	60-36.9	63-41.4
Punt Return Yds	37-174	26-117
Avg Per Return	4.7	4.5
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	59-1475	52-1227
Avg Per Return	25.0	23.6
FUMBLES/LOST	39-18	32-19
FIELD GOALS	13-21	20-23
PATS	29-33	31-31
TOTAL POINTS	274	277

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Berry	226/136	16	2005	11
Shiner	57/30	5	463	5
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Burrow	33	741	22.5	6
Mitchell	33	593	18.0	5
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reaves	6	43	7.2	0
Hansen	3	56	18.7	1
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Butler	186	594	3.2	2
Malone	120	438	3.7	6
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Lothridge	44	1639	37.3	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Bell	0	20/33	13/21	68
Malone	8	0/0	0/0	48

deed get rolling and be the "surprise" team of the year. They have a highly underrated quarterback in Bob Berry, who completed 60 percent of his passes last year. Berry ranked fourth in the NFC in passing last season. He has two great targets in soph Ken Burrow and a classy tight end, Jim Mitchell. A budding pro is second-year man Pat Jarvis who may step into the other wide receiver spot. Jarvis and Burrow will give the Falcons two long threats with their speed.

The Falcon running attack, below par last season, should improve with the recovery of 1971 top draftee Joe Profit, who can add a long-distance threat if he returns to the form he displayed before suffering a knee injury. Profit will team with Art Malone, who scored six TDs last year. Rookie Les Goodman, a former track star, will likely be used as a spot performer, giving opponents lots to worry about when he starts to sweep the corners.

The Falcon offensive line could stand some improvement, and will likely get a great deal of it if Mal Snider can shake off the shoulder injury that bothered him last season. He and George Kunz are the top men up front. Rookie Steve Okoniewski may be good enough to claim a starting guard's spot.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at Chicago
Sep 24	at New England
Oct 1	Los Angeles
Oct 8	Detroit
Oct 15	at New Orleans
Oct 22	at Green Bay (Mil.)
Oct 29	San Francisco
Nov 5	at Los Angeles
Nov 12	New Orleans
Nov 20	at Washington (n)
Nov 26	Denver
Dec 3	Houston
Dec 10	at San Francisco
Dec 17	Kansas City

DEFENSE: Perhaps the key to the Falcons' hoped-for surge into title contention is the troublesome knee of linebacker Tommy Nobis. Have repeated knee injuries taken their toll on the once fearsome play buster? There is a recurrent rumor that Nobis, a star guard during his college days, will be moved to center in the offensive line, following in the footsteps of Kansas City's E. J. Holub who made a similar transition several years ago.

If Nobis does make the conversion to offense, he'll leave Don Hansen and Greg Brezina without a linebacking mate. In the past, this trio gave the Falcons one of the most aggressive linebacking combinations in the NFC.

The Falcons' resistance to enemy running attacks is not as strong as the Dutch-

Atlanta's Willie Belton sees some daylight against the Saints.

man would like it, especially in the secondary. "Poor tackling back there," grumbles Van Brocklin. Defense against the rush, of course, really begins up front and, unless there's some particular aspect of the secondary that sticks in Van Brocklin's craw, the emergence of rookie tackle Roosevelt Manning could make the Falcons harder to move against on the ground.

Manning, 6-4 and 260, from Northeast Oklahoma, will move into a defensive front that already includes Claude Humphrey and John Zook on the outside, and John Small on the inside. If Nobis stays on defense, he and his linebacking mates will plug up the holes between this foursome so that not much may slip through into the secondary.

The Atlanta secondary led the NFC in pass defense, and it gets an extra boost with the addition of top draftee Clarence Ellis of Notre Dame. Ellis appears to be one of those "instant" pros in the tradition of Bruce Taylor and Roger Wehrli. He has been ticketed for free safety.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This could be the season that finds the Dutchman prospecting for all the gold in the NFC West. The Falcon offense promises to be very productive. The stop troops, however, must hang tougher against opposing ground forces. If they can, Atlanta could be in the playoffs.

Atlanta Falcons Rookie Roster
(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Ellis, Clarence	S	5-11	183	Notre Dame
2a	Sullivan, Pat	QB	6-0	192	Auburn
2b	Okoniewski, Steve	T	6-3	247	Montana
2c	Manning, Roosevelt	DT	6-4	262	Northeast Okla.
3	Goodman, Les	RB	5-10	205	Yankton
4	Howard, Andy	DE	6-4	255	Grambling
5a	Taylor, Bill	RB	5-9	205	Michigan
5b	Cindrich, Ralph	LB	6-1	225	Pittsburgh
6a	Perfetti, Mike	S	6-2	201	Minnesota
6b	Riley, Fred	WR	5-9	163	Idaho
7	Moon, Lance	RB	6-2	213	Wisconsin
8	Brandon, Henry	RB	6-0	209	Southern University
9	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	194	Richmond
10	Choice to St. Louis				
11	Phillips, Jack	WR	6-0	176	Grambling
12	Mialik, Larry	TE	6-1	217	Wisconsin
13	Sovio, Henry	TE	6-3	234	Hawaii
14	Chandler, Tom	LB	6-3	215	Minnesota
15	Jenkins, Oscar	CB	6-0	179	Virginia Union
16	Butler, Larry	LB	6-1	229	Stanford
17	Holland, Bill	RB	6-1	218	Southern Cal

New Orleans Saints

(4-8-2)

"The trouble with Archie," J. D. Roberts said early last season, "is he doesn't know how good he is." Whereupon Archie Manning went out and guided the Saints past the Dallas Cowboys, the Super Bowl champs, at one point running by Bob Lilly on a scramble up the middle as if Lilly were somebody from Mississippi State.

With Archie on the scene, people in New Orleans believe anything is possible, and among the believers is J. D. Roberts. "Our goal now," he says, "is to win the championship—the division, the conference and the Super Bowl. We honestly believe that the championship will be within our reach now."

Saints	1971 Results	Opp
24	Los Angeles	20
20	San Francisco	38
13	at Houston	13
14	at Chicago	35
24	Dallas	14
6	at Atlanta	28
14	at Washington	24
21	Oakland	21
26	at San Francisco	20
10	Minnesota	23
29	at Green Bay	21
28	at Los Angeles	45
17	Cleveland	21
20	Atlanta	24

It's certainly true that the Saints are beginning to get respectable—everywhere except in the defensive line and in the linebacking department, two vital exceptions. The respectable showing by the Saints last season (they finished only 4-8-2, but defeated Dallas, San Francisco and Los Angeles and tied Oakland) was due mainly to Manning and the tough conditioning program Roberts had the players going through during summer training.

"We hated it when it was going on," says sub quarterback Ed Hargett (who beat the 49ers and tied the Raiders when Manning was injured), "but it sure gave us a lot of confidence in the fourth quarter. The year before we would get overrun by people in the last minute of a game. But not last season. We were still sticking it to them at the end of the game."

OFFENSE: Up until recently, the Saints seemed to make trades willy-nilly, and with predictable results. But Roberts has made some shrewd deals lately and come up with an important ingredient that was lacking—speed. He has also carefully picked off some of the spillover of the talent rich Cowboys, adding Margene Adkins at split end and Joe Williams at halfback. Roberts has already gotten great mileage out of Jim Ford, the rookie Dallas hated to part with last season. Ford averaged 4.1 a crack until he tore up

New Orleans Saints Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
46	Abramowicz, Dan	WR	6-1	195	27	6	Xavier	14
53	Absher, Dick	LB	6-4	235	28	6	Maryland	14
24	Adkins, Margene (1)	WR	5-10	183	25	3	Henderson JC	3
34	Bell, Carlos	TE	6-5	238	23	2	Houston	1
36	Burchfield, Don	TE	6-2	227	23	2	Ball St	14
88	Carroll, Leo (2)	DE	6-7	250	28	4	San Diego St	0
59	Coleman, Wayne	LB	6-1	230	26	5	Temple	14
60	Cunningham, Carl	LB	6-3	240	28	6	Houston	13
51	Didion, John	C	6-4	245	24	4	Oregon St	14
25	Dodd, Al	WR	6-0	185	27	5	N.W. Louisiana	10
33	Duncan, Jim (3)	CB	6-2	200	26	4	Maryland St.	11
15	Durkee, Charlie	K	5-11	165	28	4	Oklahoma St	12
84	Estes, Lawrence	DE	6-6	250	25	3	Alcorn A&M	8
10	Fagan, Julian	P	6-3	205	24	3	Mississippi	14
55	Flanigan, Jim	LB	6-3	240	27	7	Pittsburgh	14
28	Ford, James	RB	6-0	200	22	2	Texas Southern	9
77	Goich, Dan	DT	6-4	250	28	4	California	10
40	Granger, Hoyle	RB	6-1	225	28	7	Mississippi St	14
35	Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11	195	24	2	West Virginia	13
14	Hargett, Edd	QB	5-11	190	25	4	Texas A&M	14
29	Harvey, Richard	CB	6-2	190	24	3	Jackson St	3
64	Hester, Ray	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Tulane	14
78	Hines, Glen Ray	T	6-5	265	28	7	Arkansas	14
70	Holden, Sam	T	6-3	258	25	2	Grambling	9
18	Hollas, Hugo	S	6-1	190	26	3	Rice	14
20	Howell, Delles	CB	6-4	202	24	3	Grambling	14
52	Huard, John	LB	6-0	228	28	6	Maine	1
43	Kopay, Dave	RB	6-0	218	30	9	Washington	10
50	Kupp, Jake	G	6-3	248	31	9	Washington	14
11	Lee, Bivian	CB	6-3	200	24	2	Prairie View	14
89	Long, Dave	DT	6-4	245	27	7	Iowa	14
27	Mallory, John (4)	S	6-0	184	26	5	West Virginia	14
8	Manning, Archie	QB	6-3	204	23	2	Mississippi	12
22	Martin D'Artagnan	CB	6-1	190	23	2	Kentucky St	14
74	Mooers, Doug	DT	6-6	265	25	2	Whittier	4
21	Moore, Reynaud	S	6-2	190	22	2	UCLA	14
57	Morgan, Mike (5)	LB	6-4	242	30	8	LSU	0
76	Morrison, Don	T	6-5	255	22	2	Texas-Arlington	14
87	Neal, Richard	DE	6-3	254	24	4	Southern U.	14
41	Newland, Bob	WR	6-2	190	23	2	Oregon	14
72	Owens, Joe	DE	6-2	245	25	3	Alcorn A&M	14
83	Parks, Dave	TE	6-2	203	30	9	Texas Tech	14
82	Pollard, Bob	DT	6-3	245	23	2	Weber St	14
65	Prudhomme, Remi	C-G	6-4	250	30	6	LSU	14
47	Robinson, Virgil	RB	5-11	195	24	2	Grambling	11
54	Roussel, Tom	LB	6-3	235	27	5	So. Mississippi	7
42	Strong, Jim	RB	6-1	204	25	3	Houston	14
80	Walker, Mike	DE	6-4	235	24	2	Tulane	5
61	Williams, Del	G	6-2	240	26	6	Florida St	14
37	Williams, Joe (6)	RB	6-0	192	25	2	Wyoming	12
23	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1	195	25	3	Tulsa	12

(1) Played 3 games with Dallas.
(2) Missed entire '71 season because of injury; last active with Washington in '70.
(3) Played 11 games with Baltimore.
(4) Played 14 games with Atlanta.
(5) Missed entire '71 season because of injury
(6) Played 12 games with Dallas.

his knee. Another acquisition is Jim Strong, the Saints' top runner last season and Virgil Robinson, mysteriously cut by the 49ers.

Adkins' blazing speed should make Danny Abramowicz more dangerous since secondaries are forced to compensate for his presence. Veteran Dave Parks continues to sparkle at tight end, even though he still hates the position.

Outside of quarterback, the strongest part of the Saints' offense is the interior line where Glen Ray Hines, picked up from Houston, has proven to be a genuine coup. Rookie Don Morrison surprised with his performance at the other tackle

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at Los Angeles
Sep 25	Kansas City (n)
Oct 1	San Francisco
Oct 8	at NY Giants
Oct 15	Atlanta
Oct 22	at San Francisco
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Nov 5	at Minnesota
Nov 12	at Atlanta
Nov 19	at Detroit
Nov 26	Los Angeles
Dec 3	at NY Jets
Dec 10	New England
Dec 17	Green Bay

and will get better with age. Captain Jake Kupp is an often unappreciated performer at one guard spot, and the capable Del Williams on the other side will have to fight off one of last year's best college lineman, Royce Smith of Georgia.

DEFENSE: The New Orleans' defense—proving each week that spirit and desire can only take you so far—is practically a disaster area in the front seven. Joe Owens is oft times spectacular from one defensive end spot, but at 6-2 he has his problems. Richard Neal, Bob Pollard and Dave Long—Owens' cohorts up front—have assorted other deficiencies.

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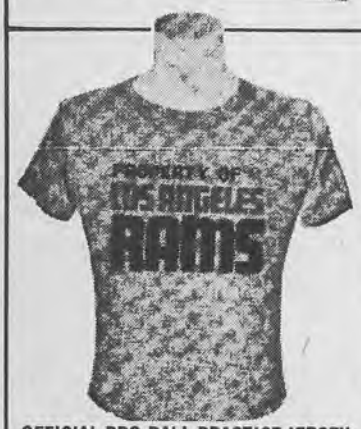

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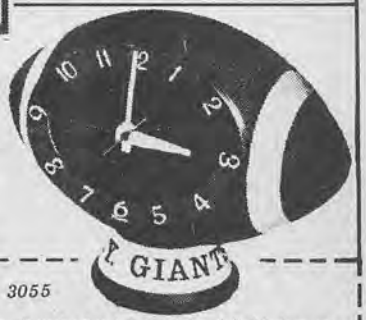

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1971 Regular Season Statistics

	SAINTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	242	260
NET RUSH	1711	2200
Avg Per Game	122.2	157.1
NET PASS	1955	2238
Att/Comp	387-182	333-175
Had Int	14	20
Avg Per Game	139.6	159.9
PUNTS/AVG	77-41.4	50-41.2
Punt Return Yds	16-100	43-251
Avg Per Return	6.3	5.8
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	56-1143	54-1326
Avg Per Return	20.4	24.5
FUMBLES/LOST	29-11	39-25
FIELD GOALS	17-28	13-26
PATS	29-31	44-44
TOTAL POINTS	266	347

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Hargett	210/96	5	1191	6
Manning	177/86	9	1164	6
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Abramowicz	37	657	17.8	5
Parks	35	568	16.2	5
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Howell	5	120	24.0	0
Wyatt	4	84	21.0	1
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Strong	95	404	4.3	3
Gresham	127	383	3.0	6
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Fagan	77	3188	41.4	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Durkee	0	24/25	16/23	72
Gresham	6	0/0	0/0	36

linebacker from USC, figures to add class to that department. Any other rookie help in the front line of defense is of the long-shot variety. Linebacker Joe Federspiel of Kentucky and end Mike Coleman (6-6 and 271) from little Knoxville College could possibly aid the cause.

Cornerbacks D'Artagnan Martin and Delles Howell can match speed with almost any wide receiver and they get smarter game by game. Safety Hugo Hollas, a "natural" ballplayer without speed, and strongside man Doug Wyatt provide the club with above-par pass coverage. Their jobs could be made easier if the men up front applied more pressure on enemy quarterbacks.

Charley Durkee, a perfect 11-for-11 inside the 30 and 16-23 overall, combines with punter Julian Fagan to give the Saints solidity in both kicking departments.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Thanks to Amazing Archie the Saints pushed across 94 more points last season than the year before. A solid offensive line should lead the way to additional improvement. But the New Orleans' defense has to start stopping people with greater regulariy, particularly on the ground, if the Saints hope to escape the NFC West cellar.

Archie Manning
QB, New Orleans

Danny Abramowicz
WR, New Orleans

New Orleans Saints Rookie Roster
(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Smith, Royce	G	6-3	245	Georgia
2	Hall, Willie	LB	6-2	217	USC
3a	Kuziel, Bon	C	6-4	255	Pittsburgh
3b	Myers, Tom	S	5-11	184	Syracuse
4a	Crangle, Mike	DE	6-4	233	Tennessee-Martin
4b	Federspiel, Joe	LB	6-1	225	Kentucky
4c	Coleman, Mike	DT	6-6	271	Knoxville College
5a	Butler, Bill	RB	6-0	218	Kansas St
5b	Johnson, Carl	T	6-3	241	Nebraska
5c	Davies, Bob	S	6-1	177	South Carolina
6a	Dorton, Wayne	G	6-1	248	Arkansas St
6b	Watson, Curt	RB	5-10	211	Tennessee
7	Jackson, Ernie	CB	5-10	173	Duke
8	Vinson, Ron	WR	6-2	190	Abilene Christian
9	Branstetter, Kent	DT	6-3	255	Houston
10	Kupp, Andy	G	6-3	246	Idaho
11	Dongieux, Paul	LB	6-2	222	Mississippi
12	Lockhart, Steve	TE	6-2	216	Arkansas St
13	Weatherspoon, Cephus	WR	6-1	182	Fort Lewis (Colo.)
14	Barrios, Steve	WR	5-10	185	Tulane
15	Lachaussee, Randy	QB	6-2	195	Tulane
16	Balthrop, Joe	T	6-2	244	Tennessee
17	Graham, Dick	WR	5-8	172	Oklahoma St

by Jerry Magee

Jerry Magee is 44. He is a 1950 graduate of the University of Nebraska. He once was elected to the Board of Directors of the Pro Football Writers' Association and now represents the San Diego Union.

Oakland linebackers Phil Villapiano (41) and Dan Conners (55) appear to be putting the stop on Baltimore's Tom Mitchell (84). However, the man making the tackle is Duane Benson, sandwiched between the threesome.

American Football Conference

When Dallas drubbed Miami, 24-3, in Super Bowl VI, the final tally merely underlined the National Football Conference's recent dominance of the AFC. Since The Merger was dictated by Czar Rozelle two years ago, NFC teams have run up an overwhelming 50-27-3 margin in inter conference play.

Granted, the AFC's Baltimore Colts squeaked by Dallas in Super Bowl V, but that was one of the few bright spots in a gloomy, of late, relationship between the conferences. NFC supporters have taken to making jokes about the AFC teams, insinuating that there's a big difference in the caliber of play in the two conferences. Dolphins' Coach Don Shula's comment after his team's dismantling by the Cowboys in the Super Bowl lent support to some of these accusations. He summed it up in four words: "We never challenged them."

The AFC would seem to have some catching up to do. It is starting from the ground up with four new coaches, although one doesn't need much introduction.

His name is Lou Saban and he's returning to Buffalo, the scene of some glorious days back in the mid 1960's. He takes over a team that finished 1-13, by far the worst record in pro football last season.

The college influence, which can be both refreshing and exciting, comes to both Denver and Houston. Former Stanford mentor John Ralston will lead the Broncos this season, with Bill Peterson stepping in at Houston. Peterson won't have to move very far since he was head coach at Rice last year after a number of successful years at Florida State.

The fourth new head coach is Harland Svare at San Diego, who has been around the pro football ranks for quite some time. Somehow, San Diego just won't seem like the good old Chargers without Sid Gillman roaming the sidelines. Gillman has moved on to Dallas, though, leaving Svare a well-beaten path to prowl in front of the Chargers' bench.

It is also difficult to imagine the New York Jets without Joe Namath, but that was the situation in all but four games last season. Joe Willie's return gives the AFC East a whole new perspective because, with him doing the pitching, the Jets are a much better team than last year's 6-8 record indicates.

With a healthy Namath, the Jets will make a run at Miami and Baltimore for division honors. In this projected three-way battle for the top spot, one thinks of the Dolphins' inability to contain the Dallas defense in Super Bowl VI. Then one pictures the Colts' own, equally awesome, defense. But then one remembers Johnny Unitis' 38-year old passing arm. It is a series of paradoxes.

The AFC Central Division, admittedly not the strongest, is highly competitive with Cleveland, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh all strong contenders. Cleveland was the class of the division last season, but Cincinnati and Pittsburgh had problems that a year's time may have resolved. The Steelers, with Terry Bradshaw looking better with each game and a big rookie running back named Franco Harris, have sky-high hopes for this season.

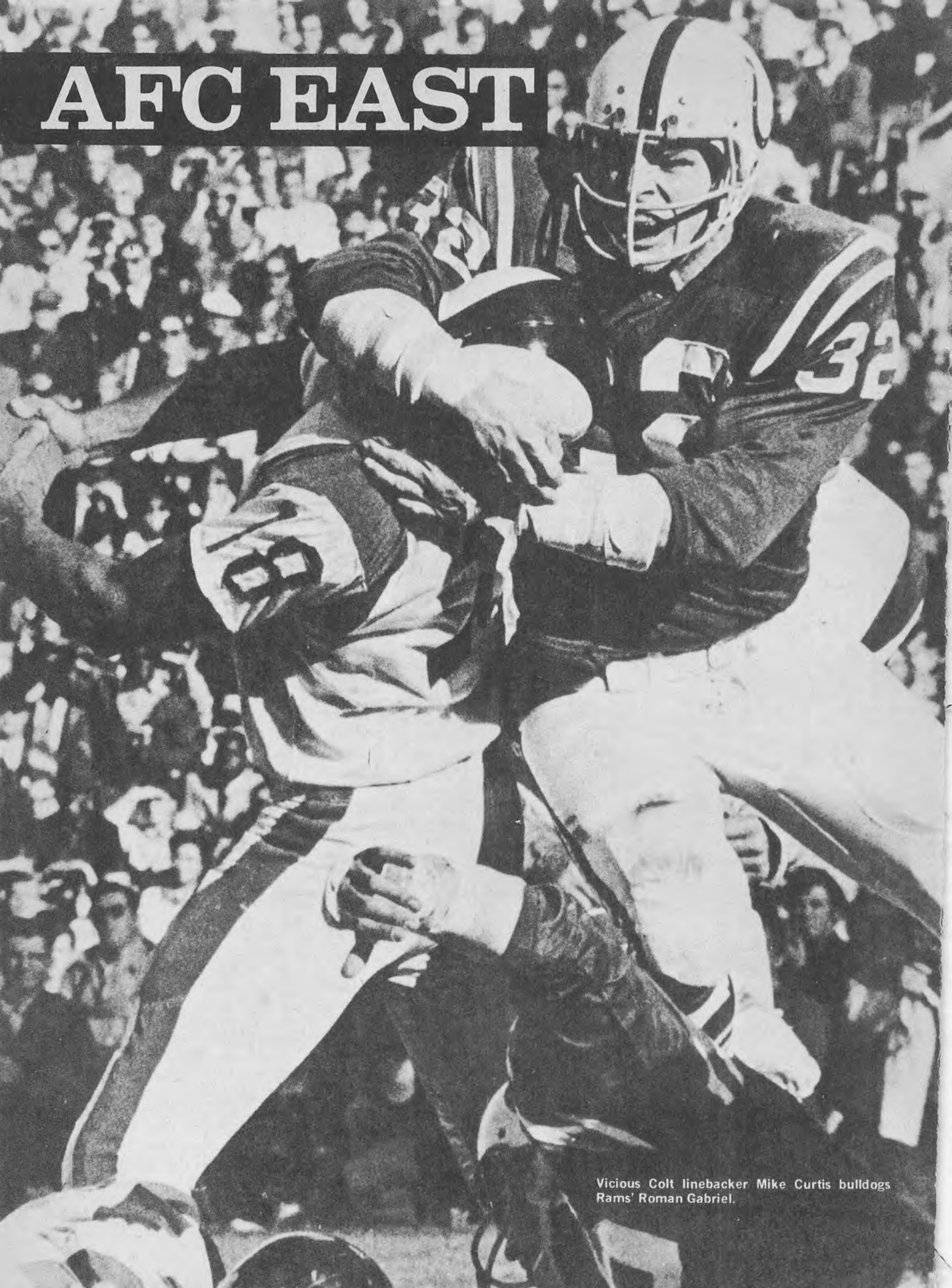
Cincinnati lost some very close games last year and they are better than a 4-10 record indicates. Houston can play some mean defense, and new coach Peterson may be able to show them how his old Florida State teams used to score points in bushels.

The AFC West seldom changes. It's usually Kansas City followed by Oakland, or Oakland followed by Kansas City, San Diego usually winds up third, Denver fourth. The format should be the same, although age may be taking its toll on the Chiefs, and the Oakland defense doesn't intimidate like it used to.

If the Chargers can stabilize their defense, they could pull off some surprises. They led the AFC in total offense last season, so not much work is needed there. Svare, meanwhile, is concentrating on the defense, adding such stalwarts as Deacon Jones and Lionel Aldridge.

John Ralston inherits a sound defense at Denver, but what he needs most is a quarterback. But Jim Plunkett is in New England and even the whole Denver Mint couldn't interest the Patriots in trading him.

AFC EAST



Vicious Colt linebacker Mike Curtis bulldogs Rams' Roman Gabriel.

Baltimore Colts

(10-4-0)

His shoulders are round, his arm withered, he wears old-fashioned football shoes and he is 39 years old. John Unitas, though, still indisputably is "Mr. Quarterback" in at least one precinct, Baltimore.

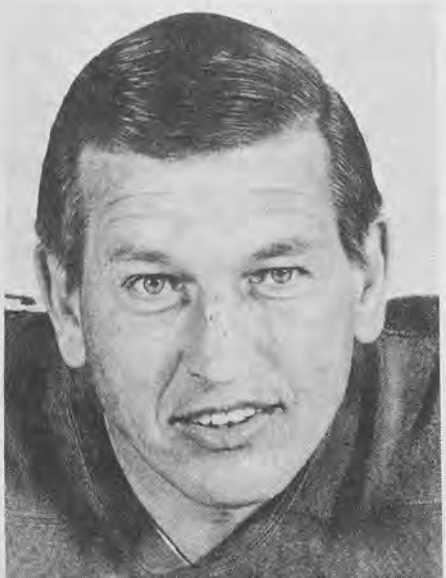
The Colts' everlasting confidence in Unitas was evidenced when they permitted Earl Morrall to transfer to Miami for the $100 waiver fee. Don McCafferty said it best. He said it rather beautifully.

"We have had a great luxury here in Baltimore," announced McCafferty. "We have had the greatest quarterback who has ever lived play for us for 17 straight years."

Colts	1971 Results	Opp
22	NY Jets	0
13	Cleveland	14
23	at New England	3
43	at Buffalo	0
31	at NY Gaints	7
3	at Minnesota	10
34	Pittsburgh	21
24	Los Angeles	17
14	at NY Jets	13
14	at Miami	17
37	at Oakland	14
24	Buffalo	0
14	Miami	3
17	New England	21

To Unitas, then, goes the football. It has been always thus, it seems. Unitas does not pass the ball as he once did. Indeed, there are those who contend he no longer is capable of throwing the "out" patterns in which strength of arm is so necessary. But he is a very wise man, John Unitas, and he is surrounded by some very excellent football players. Why, Baltimore had eight athletes invited to the Pro Bowl although one, Norm Bulaich, was injured and could not participate.

Johnny Unitas
QB, Baltimore



Baltimore also drafts interestingly, their genergal manager, Don Klosterman, being one of the game's more astute talent men. Witness the 1972 newgrounders: Tom Drougas, Jack Mildren, Glenn Doughty, Eric Allen, Gary Wichard and others. And this club wasn't that far away last season from defending its championship.

"I think overall we had an excellent

Baltimore Colts Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
79	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-6	255	23	3	Kansas	13
53	Beutler, Tom	LB	6-1	232	25	3	Toledo	4
36	Bulaich, Norm	RB	6-1	218	25	3	TCU	13
50	Curry, Bill	C	6-2	235	29	8	Georgia Tech	14
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	28	8	Duke	13
25	Curtis, Tom	S	6-1	196	24	3	Michigan	14
	Dickey, Eldridge	WR	6-2	198	26	3	Tennessee St	7
46	Dunlap, Leonard	CB	6-1	195	22	2	No. Texas St	4
73	Ganas, Rusty	DT	6-4	257	22	1	South Carolina	1
17	Havrilak, Sam	WR	6-2	195	24	4	Bucknell	14
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	24	4	Miami	14
43	Hepburn, Lonnie	CB	5-11	180	24	2	Texas Southern	3
85	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	29	8	Jackson St	14
33	Hinton, Eddie	WR	6-0	200	25	4	Oklahoma	14
61	Johnson, Cornelius	G	6-2	245	28	5	Virginia Union	7
44	Kern, Rex	S	6-1	190	22	2	Ohio St	14
67	Larson, Lynn	T	6-4	254	24	2	Kansas St	1
51	Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	235	29	7	Michigan	13
49	Lee, David	P	6-4	230	28	7	Louisiana Tech	14
20	Logan, Jerry	S	6-1	190	31	10	W. Texas St	14
88	Mackey, John	TE	6-2	224	30	10	Syracuse	14
41	Matte, Tom	RB	6-0	214	33	12	Ohio St	14
56	May, Ray	LB	6-1	230	27	6	Southern Cal	14
23	McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	207	22	2	North Carolina	13
57	Mendenhall, Ken	C	6-3	235	24	2	Oklahoma	14
76	Miller, Fred	DT	6-3	250	32	10	LSU	14
84	Mitchell, Tom	TE	6-3	215	28	6	Bucknell	14
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	206	38	17	Michigan St	14
68	Nelson, Dennis	T	6-5	260	26	3	Illinois St	14
81	Newsome, Billy	DE	6-5	250	23	3	Grambling	14
52	Nichols, Robbie	LB	6-3	220	26	3	Tulsa	4
48	Nottingham, Don	RB	5-10	210	22	2	Kent St	14
34	Nowatzke, Tom	RB	6-3	230	28	7	Indiana	14
80	O'Brien, Jim	WR-K	6-0	195	24	3	Cincinnati	14
27	Perkins, Ray	WR	6-0	183	30	6	Alabama	14
42	Pittman, Charlie	RB	6-1	200	24	3	Penn St	10
62	Ressler, Glenn	G	6-3	250	29	8	Penn St	14
	Shinners, John	G	6-3	255	25	4	Xavier	14
78	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-8	265	27	6	Michigan St	14
	Smith, Noland (1)	S	5-7	160	28	3	Tennessee St	0
71	Sullivan, Dan	T	6-3	250	32	11	Boston College	12
19	Unitas, John	QB	6-1	196	39	17	Louisville	13
72	Vogel, Bob	T	6-5	250	30	10	Ohio St	14
21	Volk, Rick	S	6-3	195	27	6	Michigan	14
75	Williams, John	G	6-3	256	26	5	Minnesota	14

(1) Noland Smith last active with San Francisco in 1969.

Baltimore Colts Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Drougas, Ton	T	6-4	257	Oregon
2a	Mildren, Jack	S	6-1	199	Oklahoma
2b	Doughty, Glenn	WR	6-2	204	Michigan
2c	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	204	Penn St
3	Choice to New Orleans				
4	Allen, Eric	WR	5-9	170	Michigan St
5	Croft, Don	DT	6-4	243	Texas-El Paso
6	Laird, Bruce	S	6-2	185	American Int'l
7	Sykes, John	RB	5-11	195	Morgan St
8a	Qualls, Al	LB	6-3	222	Oklahoma
8b	Brownson, Van	QB	6-3	185	Nebraska
9	Hambell, Gary	DT	6-5	245	Dayton
10	Shilling, Dave	RB	6-3	226	Oregon St
11	DeBernardi, Fred	DE	6-6	274	Texas-El Paso
12	Theiler, Gary	TE	6-0	215	Tennessee
13	Washington, Herb	WR	5-11	170	Michigan St
14	Morris, John	C	6-3	240	Missouri Valley
15	Parkhouse, Robin	LB	6-2	210	Alabama
16	Wichard, Gary	QB	6-1	218	C.W. Post
17	White, Stan	LB	6-1	225	Ohio St

football team in 1971," McCafferty judged. "We finished a game away from the Super Bowl and except for a couple of big plays in that one, we might have been in New Orleans."

As it was, they were 10-4 and they outscored Cleveland, 20-3, in the playoffs before surprising Miami stopped them, 21-0, in the AFC title game. In that one, it should be remembered, the Colts had to

Norm Bulaich
RB, Baltimore

get along without their two varsity running backs, Bulaich and Tom Matte.

Customarily, Baltimore does not require too much offense because its defense is so intimidating. It began last season by shutting out the Jets, two weeks later limited New England to three points, shut out Buffalo and held the Giants to seven. This is how the winners play in the NFL today, with defense. Baltimore's was No. 1 ranked in the entire league.

OFFENSE: Unitas is established; this much is certain. "He still feels he can do the job or he wouldn't be playing," said McCafferty. "We still feel he can do it. But obviously, we have to be thinking about his successor."

The idea is to create an opportunity for Karl Douglas, the youngster from Texas A&I who rode the Colts' cab squad as a rookie in 1971. "He will get a real shot to make our ball club," promised the coach. "He has ability and he can drill the football. Naturally, he has a lot to learn and

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he's willing to work. It's not inconceivable he will become the young quarterback we are looking for. In addition, we drafted Van Brownson from Nebraska and Wichard of C.W. Post."

The offense, which doesn't have to be very good, can be. People forget Baltimore last season had one of the most powerful running games in its history. It was third in the AFC in scoring and fifth in the league.

Bulaich is the star. After only two seasons, he has to be considered among the top five rushers in the league. Perhaps, he is among the top three. Some of the smarts believe he has no equal. Durability is his only problem; he gets hurt.

Don Nottingham, the Bowling Ball, the now-famous 17th-round draft choice, kept winning game balls as a rookie. Don McCauley also had a fine rookie season and figures to play more. Charlie Pittman and Tom Nowatzke return and Lydell Mitchell is arriving from Penn State with exceptional notices.

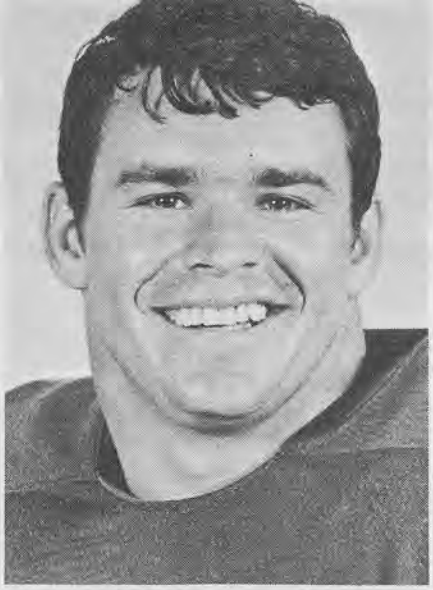
On the outside the absence of Roy Jefferson, dealt to Washington, reduced the effectiveness of Eddie Hinton who, with Ray Perkins, has varsity standing. But they are going to be pushed mightily by seven others of substance: Jim O'Brien (the placekicker), Sam Havrilak, Allen, Doughty, Eldridge Dickey, Cotton Speyrer and Herb Washington.

1972 Schedule

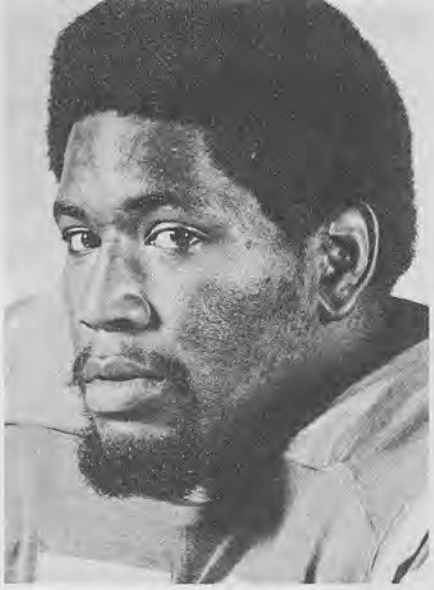
Sep 17	St. Louis
Sep 24	NY Jets
Oct 1	at Buffalo
Oct 8	San Diego
Oct 15	Dallas
Oct 22	at NY Jets
Oct 29	Miami
Nov 6	at New England (n)
Nov 12	at San Francisco
Nov 19	at Cincinnati
Nov 26	New England
Dec 3	Buffalo
Dec 10	at Kansas City
Dec 16	at Miami

"We think we improved our outside receiving," said McCafferty. "We have more depth there now and have some explosive speed and size with Allen and Doughty. We also feel O'Brien can be a big league receiver. We have enough good people at this position now that we should have some interesting competition in training camp."

The reason why the running went so well was, of course, the offensive line. Bob Vogel was an All-Pro at one tackle and Dan Sullivan had a big year at the other. John Williams and Glenn Ressler are excellent guards. "Ressler might be the most underrated player in professional football," noted McCafferty. Bill Curry, the center, has all-league skills.



Don Nottingham
RB, Baltimore



Bubba Smith
DE, Baltimore

DEFENSE: Other defenses had the fancy names but the Colts' unit was the best in the NFL, in which defenses are rated in three categories—total defense, defense against the run and defense against the pass. Among the 26 teams the Colts ranked second against the pass and first against the run. In total defense, the most significant indicator, the Colts were again number one.

"We just got better at nearly every position and that's improving on a standard which was quite good in 1970," explained McCafferty. "Our front four was fine. Bubba Smith seems to be reaching a level of excellence game in and game out and has become a tremendous factor in our overall defensive concept. Your secondary can't do much without a pass rush and naturally Bubba gives us that."

Billy Newsome is another strong one. Fred Miller and Roy Hilton are dependable. The Colts think they have the best linebackers in football in Ray May, Mike Curtis and tall Ted Hendricks. "Curtis is the complete football player," praised McCafferty. "He's never down for a game. He's the kind of player who is a pleasure to coach."

The secondary drifts fluidly into those Baltimore zones. Safeties Jerry Logan and Rick Volk return and so do the cornermen, Charlie Stukes and Rex Kern. Mildren is an intriguing prospect.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Colts could go all the way again. Bulaich and Matte are in top form and Unitas has a better receiving corps to work with. Yes, Johnny U is still the quarterback, as if Baltimore needed one. With its defense, it could win with Molly Putz.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	COLTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	242	166
NET RUSH	2149	1113
Avg Per Game	153.4	79.5
NET PASS	1922	1739
Att/Comp	344/176	361/185
Had Int	21	28
Avg Per Game	137.3	124.2
PUNTS/AVG	62/41.0	88/38.9
Punt Return Yds	43/351	40/267
Avg Per Return	8.2	6.7
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	32/679	62/1345
Avg Per Return	21.2	21.7
FUMBLES/LOST	26/11	22/13
FIELD GOALS	20/29	5/18
PATS	35/36	17/18
TOTAL POINTS	313	140

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Morrall	167/84	12	1210	7
Unitas	176/92	9	942	3
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hinton	25	436	17.4	2
Perkins	24	424	17.7	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stukes	8	95	11.9	0
Hendricks	5	70	14.0	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Bulaich	152	741	4.9	8
Matte	173	607	3.5	8
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Lee	62	2542	41.0	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
O'Brien	0	35/36	20/29	95
Bulaich	10	0/0	0/0	60

Miami Dolphins

(10-3-1)

Look at Don Shula and the thing which strikes you is the jaw. It is square, firm and resolute, like the football team Shula, in just two seasons, has made in his image.

Shula has pulled off possibly the greatest coaching accomplishment of our time. The Dolphins were an expansion team, a nondescript outfit which was 3-10-1 in 1970 when Shula arrived and, as much by the sheer force of his personality as anything else, made them 10-4 and a playoff participant.

This, it turned out, was merely for openers. The Floridians went 10-3-1 last season, then outlasted Kansas City, 27-24, in that implausible overtime game, and shut out Baltimore, 21-0. Now they were parties to the Super Bowl, won, most convincingly, by Dallas, 24-3.

The Cowboys scored so easily that a lot of people are going to be doubting Miami's credentials as champions of the

Tough Larry Csonka bowls over everything and everybody as he bulls for precious yardage.

Miami Dolphins Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	196	26	5	Colorado	14
44	Brown, Dean (1)	CB	5-10	175	26	3	Ft. Valley St	0
85	Buoniconti, Nick	LB	5-11	220	31	11	Notre Dame	14
24	Clancy, Jack (2)	WR	6-1	195	28	6	Michigan	0
31	Cole, Terry	RB	6-1	220	27	5	Indiana	4
71	Cornish, Frank	DT	6-3	285	28	7	Grambling	10
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-4	250	26	5	Indiana	14
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	237	25	5	Syracuse	14
	Daniels, Dick (3)	CB-S	5-9	180	27	3	Pacific	0
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	250	32	12	Dayton	14
86	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	250	23	2	Central Iowa	14
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	252	29	8	TCU	14
58	Farley, Dale	LB	6-3	235	22	2	West Virginia	4
75	Fernandez, Manny	DT	6-2	248	26	5	Utah	14
80	Fleming, Marv	TE	6-4	235	30	10	Utah	14
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	190	23	3	Purdue	14
32	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-10	188	25	3	Florida A&M	14
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	27	6	Purdue	14
72	Heniz, Bob	DE-DT	6-6	270	25	4	Pacific	14
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-1	196	24	3	Toledo	14
21	Kiick, Jim	RB	5-11	215	26	5	Wyoming	13
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Auburn	14
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	247	24	3	Notre Dame	14
62	Langer, Jim	G	6-2	250	26	3	So. Dakota St	14
15	Leigh, Charles	RB	5-11	205	26	4	None	14
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	265	26	6	Bethune-Cookman	14
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-2	224	24	3	Michigan	11
78	Mass, Wayne	T	6-4	255	26	5	Clemson	12
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	240	27	6	Duke	14
10	Mira, George	QB	5-11	192	30	8	Miami	6
35	Mitchell, Stan (4)	RB	6-2	220	28	6	Tennessee	0
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	265	26	3	Lamar Tech	1
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	5-10	190	25	4	West Texas St	14
26	Mumphord, Lloyd	CB	5-10	180	25	4	Texas Southern	14
89	Noonan, Karl	WR	6-2	198	28	7	Iowa	14
48	Petrella, Bob	S	5-11	190	27	7	Tennessee	12
56	Powell, Jesse	LB	6-2	215	25	4	West Texas St	14
74	Richardson, John	DT	6-2	248	27	6	UCLA	10
70	Riley, Jim	DE	6-4	250	27	6	Oklahoma	13
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	27	3	Georgia	14
20	Seiple, Larry	TE-P	6-0	215	27	6	Kentudky	14
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	250	25	4	Georgia	14
82	Stowe, Otto	WR	6-2	188	23	2	Iowa St	12
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	228	24	3	Amherst	14
81	Twilley, Howard	WR	5-10	185	29	7	Tulsa	14
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	185	29	9	Ohio St	14
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	172	28	5	None	14

(1) Brown Injured and missed entire 1971 season.
(2) Clancy last active with Green Bay in 1970.
(3) Daniels injured and missed entire 1971 season.
(4) Mitchell injured and missed entire 1971 season.

Mercury Morris
RB, Miami

Dolphins	1971 Results	Opp
10	at Denver	10
29	at Buffalo	14
10	NY Jets	14
23	at Cincinnati	13
41	New England	3
30	at NY Jets	14
20	at Los Angeles	14
34	Buffalo	0
24	Pittsburgh	21
14	at Baltimore	17
34	Chicago	3
13	at New England	34
21	Baltimore	0
27	Green Bay	6

AFC East. They shouldn't. Shula has made this team of stern stuff, like himself. The man is a fundamentalist, a no-nonesense sort. His is likely the best-conditioned club in the NFL, as evidenced in that football filibuster in Kansas City.

It is a team which strives to control the first downs and with it the football game. Run on first down. Get four yards or more. Run again. This is what Shula wants to do and he has the perfect instrument to implement his theories, the patient Bob Griese, a quarterback who can understand that when you have two running backs like Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick, the thing to do is to hand them the football.

On offense, Miami has the personnel: Griese, Csonka, Kiick, the great guard, Larry Little; the superb outside receiver, Paul Warfield. On defense, it has a bunch of people few persons have ever heard of and that Shula discipline.

What Shula has done is create a possible dynasty and made himself fabulous-

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Miami Dolphins Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Kadish, Mike	DT	6-5	270	Notre Dame
2	None				
3	Kosins, Gary	RB	6-1	212	Dayton
4a	Ball, Larry	DE	6-6	225	Louisville
4b	Benton, Al	OT	6-5	250	Ohio U
5	Babb, Charles	DB	6-0	190	Memphis St
6	None				
7	Adams, Bill	OG	6-2	240	Holy Cross
8	Curry, Craig	QB	6-2	195	Minnesota
9	Johnson, Greg	DB	6-0	187	Wisconsin
10	None				
11	Jenkins, Ed	WR	6-2	204	Holy Cross
12	Bell, Ashley	TE	6-2	212	Purdue
13	Robinson, Archie	DB	6-1	215	Hillsdale
14	Jones, Willie	LB	6-1	220	Tampa
15	Davis, Bill	DT	6-2	255	William & Mary
16	Hannah, Al	WR	6-2	188	Wisconsin
17	Brown, Vern	DB	5-10	185	Western Michigan

ly wealthy, since he occupies an ownership position in Miami. Before Shula showed up from Balitmore, the season-ticket sale was 17,478; for this season, it is more than 60,000.

OFFENSE: Second in the AFC in total offense, first in rushing offense, 10th in passing offense—yet Griese, under the NFL's complex points system, was the AFC's champion passer. Those figures represent a study in restraint by the quarterback.

"It has never been my way to go overboard on a young man but how can you ask more of a person than what Bob Griese has done for us the last two years?" wonders Shula. "I think he is the best present-day quarterback."

In 1972 Griese's gifts should be even more apparent because with opponents keying on Csonka and Kiick the Dolphins are expected to open up considerably. Instead of a two-back offense, the idea is to better utilize swift Mercury Morris. The Mercurial one did not carry the football from scrimmage in the Super Bowl and was unhappy. He is not, however, forgotten. "We know he has been excellent on kickoff returns," said Shula. "We also know he can run from scrimmage. Injuries have slowed Mercury at the wrong times in the past two years but this is another campaign."

This year the Dolphins could present another outside receiver to rival Warfield. "If Paul isn't the greatest, then I don't know who is. We think he is," said Shula. Having Warfield on one flank and Otto Stowe on the other is a prospect which intrigues the coach.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	DOLPHINS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	232	214
NET RUSH	2429	1661
Avg Per Game	173.5	118.6
NET PASS	1983	2000
Att/Comp	298/196	363/206
Had Int	10	17
Avg Per Game	141.6	142.9
PUNTS/AVG	52/40.1	72/40.4
Punt Return Yds	41/432	26/106
Avg Per Return	10.5	4.1
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	32/806	59/1180
Avg Per Return	25.2	20.0
FUMBLES/LOST	22/13	38/14
FIELD GOALS	28/40	9/20
PATS	33/33	22/22
TOTAL POINTS	315	174

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Griese	263/145	9	2089	19
Mira	30/11	1	159	1
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Warfield	43	996	23.2	11
Kiick	40	338	8.5	0
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Scott	7	34	4.9	0
Foley	4	14	3.5	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Csonka	195	1051	5.4	7
Kiick	162	738	4.4	3
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Seiple	52	2087	40.1	1
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Yepremian	0	33/33	28/40	117
Warfield	11	0/0	0/0	66

Stowe, out of Iowa State, was the club's top draft choice for the 1971 season. "He was bothered by injuries and sickness," noted Shula, "but we think he has a great future." Otto has the type of speed Howard Twilley and Karl Noonan do not, although Twilley, a little guy, has made some important contributions.

The line is led by the estimable Little while Norm Evans is a superior tackle. Like most of the Miami squad, it is not gaudy but it gets the job done.

DEFENSE: Great teams have great rush lines. Miami has only an adequate one. Miami gets by with a fair rush, active linebackers and a faith in its zone defense. With the hash marks being moved in three and a half yards on each side, zones are going to be more difficult to play this time around, which can't be consoling to Shula.

To improve his rush, in the draft's opening round he named Mike Kadish of Notre Dame. "We particularly like his size," said Don. Kadish is 6-5, 270. The incumbents up front are Bill Stanfill, Jim Riley, Bob Heinz and Manny Fernandez.

1972 Schedule

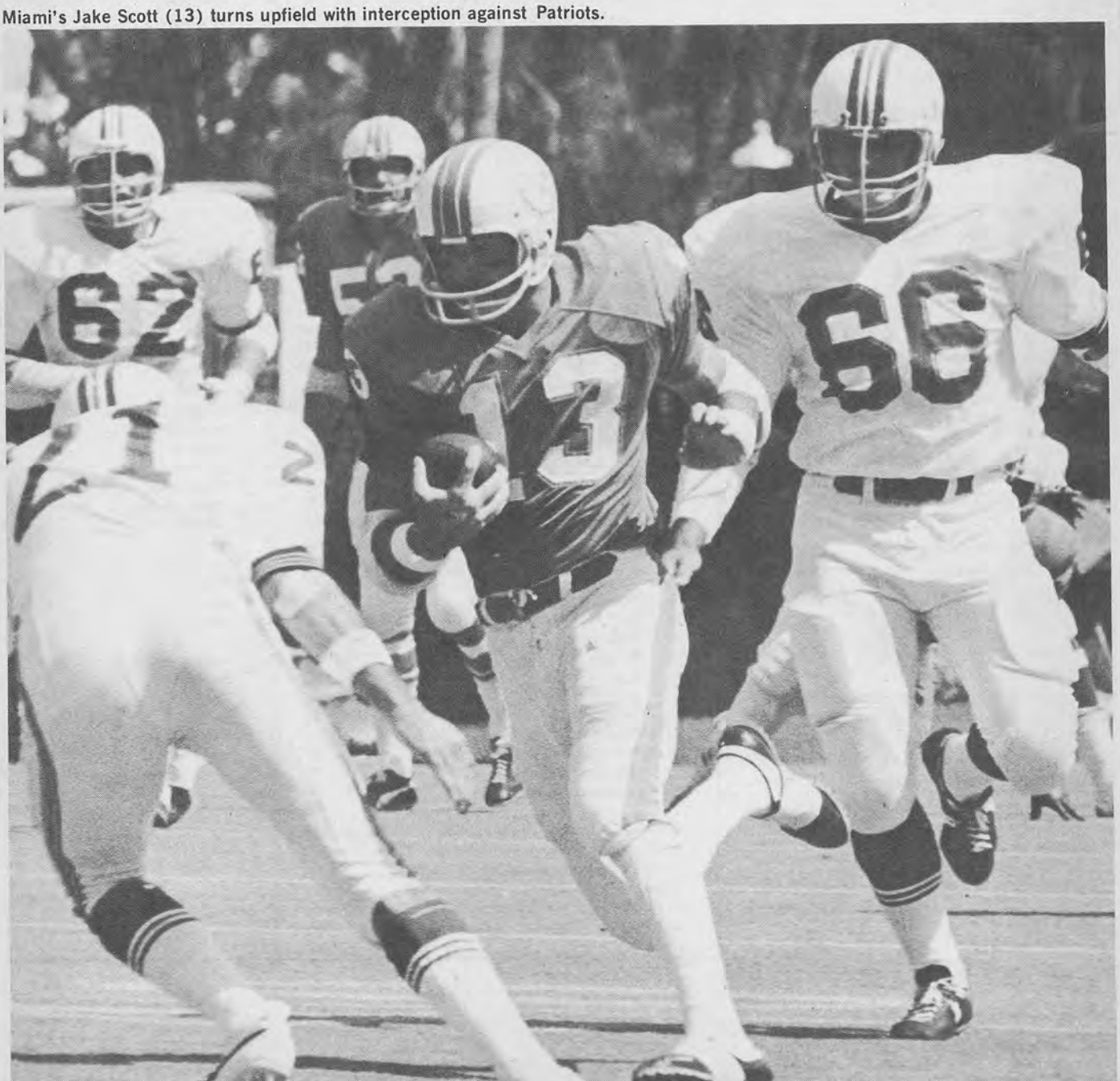
Sep	17	at Kansas City
Sep	24	Houston
Oct	1	at Minnesota
Oct	8	at NY Jets
Oct	15	San Diego
Oct	22	Buffalo
Oct	29	at Baltimore
Nov	5	at Buffalo
Nov	12	New England
Nov	19	NY Jets
Nov	27	St. Louis (n)
Dec	3	at New England
Dec	10	at NY Giants
Dec	16	Baltimore

Fernandez has had some excellent games. The man who makes the defense, however, is the middle linebacker, Nick Buoniconti, who is extremely active for his years, and very wise.

The outside linebackers are Doug Swift and Mike Kolen and, while they hardly are household names, pro smarts respect them for their maneuverability. There is nothing wrong with the secondary of Curtis Johnson, Tim Foley, Jake Scott and Dick Anderson. Somewhere, a word also should be said for the placekicker, Garo Yepremian, who makes ties off the field and breaks them on it.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Solid are the Dolphins. Balanced are they. Their defense, however, hardly is the best manned one in the NFL, or even the AFC East (ever hear of the Colts?). Miami is capable of capturing the conference crown again, but it is going to require execution of the highest sort.

Miami's Jake Scott (13) turns upfield with interception against Patriots.



New England Patriots

(6-8-0)

Reading the communiques of the New England Patriots is like picking up "The Wall St. Journal" after a day in which those two veterans, Dow and Jones, have gone in to score for the greater glory of Alma Dollar.

"Season Ticket Boom," one learns. "Pre-Season Bonanza at Schaefer." "Shatter Attendance Records," "Patriots Dividend."

"The Patriots made financial history on Feb. 17 when the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of 15 cents per share to stockholders on record as of March 15, payable April 1. This marked the first dividend in the 12-year history of the club."

Patriots	1971 Results	Opp
20	Oakland	6
7	Detroit	34
3	Baltimore	23
20	NY Jets	0
3	at Miami	41
21	at Dallas	44
10	at San Francisco	27
28	Houston	20
38	Buffalo	33
7	at Cleveland	27
20	at Buffalo	27
34	Miami	13
6	at NY Jets	13
21	at Baltimore	17

There is other data: of the record crowd of 61,457 in Foxboro for a game against Miami; of the seasonal attendance there of 411,109; of the ceiling on season-ticket sales this season of 56,043.

The lesson here, one can decide, is that the Patriots have become financially secure. Pretty soon, they can start talking about football. Maybe real soon.

The New Englanders won six games last season. They defeated Miami, 34-13; they outscored Baltimore, 21-17. They make big mistakes like the administrative blunder which cost them title to Phil Olsen, but they have become a forward-thinking unit.

And they have a quarterback. His name is Jim Plunkett and as a rookie they gave him the football and never took it away, not even for an instant. Boston

New England Patriots Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
85	Adams, Julius	DT	6-3	261	24	2	Texas Southern	14
65	Antwine, Houston	DT	6-0	264	33	12	So. Illinois	3
72	Atessis, Bill	DE	6-3	240	23	2	Texas	5
82	Beer, Tom	TE	6-4	250	27	6	Houston	14
88	Berger, Ron	DE	6-8	285	26	4	Wayne St	14
27	Beverly, Randy	CB	5-11	190	28	6	Colorado	8
45	Bryant, Hubie	WR	5-10	168	26	3	Minnesota	11
41	Carwell, Larry	CB	6-2	190	28	6	Iowa St	14
50	Cheyunski, Jim	LB	6-2	225	26	5	Syracuse	14
53	Coleman, Dennis	LB	6-3	225	23	2	Mississippi	9
10	Crabtree, Eric	WR	5-11	185	27	7	Pittsburgh	6
	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	26	4	San Diego St	14
51	Edmunds, Randy	LB	6-2	225	26	4	Georgia Tech	14
37	Gardin, Ron	WR	5-11	180	27	3	Arizona	8
30	Garrett, Carl	RB	6-0	215	25	4	New Mex. Highlands	14
24	Gladieux, Bob	RB	5-11	195	25	4	Notre Dame	14
7	Gogolak, Charlie	K	5-10	170	27	6	Princeton	14
62	Hagen, Halvor	G	6-5	253	25	4	Weber St	14
75	Haggerty, Mike	T	6-4	245	27	6	Miami	13
25	Harris, Rickie	S	5-11	180	29	8	Arizona	14
21	Janik, Tom	S-P	6-2	200	31	10	Texas A&I	14
23	Johnson, Daryl (1)	CB	5-11	190	26	4	Morgan St	0
57	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	220	25	3	Tennessee	14
87	Lassiter, Isaac	DE	6-5	265	31	10	St. Augustine	14
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	G	6-4	260	26	5	Penn St	14
32	Lawson, Odell	RB	6-2	218	23	3	Langston	2
28	McMahon, Art (2)	S	5-11	192	26	4	No. Carolina St	0
40	Maitland, Jack	RB	6-1	210	24	3	Williams	14
71	May, Art	DE	6-2	245	23	2	Tuskegee	11
64	Montler, Mike	T	6-4	255	28	4	Colorado	14
72	Moore, Richie (3)	T	6-6	280	25	3	Villanova	0
56	Morris, Jon	C	6-4	255	30	9	Holy Cross	14
86	Moss, Roland	TE	6-3	225	25	4	Toledo	14
35	Nance, Jim	RB	6-1	235	29	8	Syracuse	13
77	Neville, Tom	T	6-4	255	29	7	Mississippi St	14
44	Outlaw, John	CB	5-9	180	27	4	Jackson St	14
29	Peacock, John (4)	S	6-0	200	25	3	Houston	0
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-3	220	24	2	Standord	14
39	Pruett, Perry	CB	5-11	175	23	2	No. Texas St	11
76	Rowe, Dave	DT	6-7	280	27	6	Penn State	14
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	24	3	Boston U.	5
26	Scott, Clarence	S	6-2	200	28	4	Morgan St	5
34	Sellers, Ron	WR	6-4	195	25	4	Florida St	10
60	St. Jean, Len	G	6-1	250	30	9	Northern Michigan	14
13	Sykes, Alfred	WR	6-1	175	24	2	Florida A&M	4
17	Taliaferro, Mike (5)	QB	6-2	205	31	9	Illinois	0
18	Vataha, Randy	WR	5-11	175	23	2	Stanford	14
42	Webb, Don	S	5-10	195	33	12	Iowa St	12
66	Weisacosky, Ed	LB	6-0	220	28	6	Miami	14
55	Williamson, J.R. (6)	LB	6-2	220	29	8	Louisiana Tech	0
70	Wirgowski, Dennis	DE	6-5	250	24	3	Purdue	9

(1) Johnson missed entire 1971 season because of injury.
(2) McMahon last active with Patriots in 1969.
(3) Moore last active with Green Bay in 1970.
(4) Peacock last active with Houston in 1970.
(5) Taliaferro active with Patriots in 1971, but did not play.
(6) Williamson missed entire 1971 season because of injury.

threw 330 passes in 1971; Plunkett threw 328. Bob Gladieux, a halfback, aimed the other two.

This is how to season a quarterback. Lots of young men spend years in the NFL before they throw 328 passes and toward the end in 1971 Plunkett was gaining in poise and professional know-how. It says something of him that the Patriots kept following him after a 1-6 beginning and finished with those six successes.

OFFENSE: Everybody in Foxboro is not as happy as those stockholders. Jim Nance, who has a high salary, wants to carry the ball as he used to, 25 and 30 times a game. The Patriots would seem to prefer Plunkett be throwing it.

The leading rusher is nifty little Carl Garrett, who went off to Dallas in the Duane Thomas deal and, after the deal was negated, returned to Massachusetts to rush for 872 yards. Garrett also caught 22 passes and returned punts and kickoffs. He was the club's No.2 receiver, behind little Randy Vataha, Plunkett's one-time Stanford associate.

1972 Schedule

Sep	17	Cincinnati
Sep	24	Atlanta
Oct	1	Washington
Oct	8	at Buffalo
Oct	15	NY Jets
Oct	22	at Pittsburgh
Oct	29	at NY Jets
Nov	6	Baltimore (n)
Nov	12	at Miami
Nov	19	Buffalo
Nov	26	at Baltimore
Dec	3	Miami
Dec	10	at New Orleans
Dec	17	at Denver

Throwing largely to a receiver who is only 5-9, Plunkett connected for 19 touchdowns. The Patriots started thinking what their quarterback could do with a big, possession-type receiver to go over the middle, where people say Ron Sellers fears to tread, and in the draft's second round they took Tom Reynolds of San Diego State.

Reynolds is a fine athlete, 6-3, 204, with excellent hands. It's his speed which must be questioned. He missed the entire 1970 season following knee surgery. If he isn't burningly fast, however, he is a liquid athlete who seems to beat defenders badly without much effort.

Tom Beer is the tight end and he made only 12 catches a year ago. The offensive line has people like Jon Morris, Mike Montler, Len St. Jean, Tom Neville and Bill Lenkaitis.

New England Patriots' linebacker Jim Cheyunski (50) and tackle Dennis Wirgowski (70) halt Detroit's Altie Taylor.

Randy Vataha
WR, New England

Carl Garrett
RB, New England

New England Patriots Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Choice to Minnesota				
2	Reynolds, Tom	WR	6-3	204	San Diego St.
3	White, Jim	DT	6-4	255	Colorado St.
4	Choice to Dallas				
5	Bolton, Ron	DB	6-1	190	Norfolk St.
6	Choice to Atlanta				
7a	Hoss, Clark	TE	6-7	236	Oregon St.
7b	Tarver, John	RB	6-1	220	Colorado
8	Beyrle, Steve	G	6-4	240	Kansas St.
9	Kelson, Mike	OT	6-4	238	Arkansas
10	Caraway, Mel	DB	5-10	185	N.E. Oklahoma
11	Cason, Rodney	OT	6-5	260	Angelo St.
12	Booras, Steve	DE	6-5	255	Mesa St. Ariz.
13	Elmore, Sam	DB	6-0	205	E. Michigan
14	Rideout, Ed	WR	5-11	190	Boston College
15	Klimek, Joel	TE	6-1	220	Pittsburgh
16	Dahl, Eric	DB	5-11	197	San Jose St.
17	Ah You, Junior	LB	6-2	216	Arizona St.

DEFENSE: Prior to the draft, the Patriots moved their No. 1 draft choice to the New York Giants for Fred Dryer, the dissatisfied defensive end. Fine. There were no defensive end among the collegians in the image of Dryer, a lean 240-pounder who knows how to get to a quarterback.

Then a funny thing happened. Dryer, who wasn't happy in New York, decided he wasn't going to be happy in Foxboro, either. The Patriots countered by making Dryer happy, plus themselves, by assigning him to Los Angeles for Rick Cash, another young defensive lineman of promise, plus a No. 1 draft choice in 1973.

Cash missed last season with a broken leg but he should be useful. Last season's No. 1 draft choice, 261-pound Julius Adams of Texas Southern, became a prize property. Dave Rowe is 6-7 and 280 and he helps. Size also is the characteristic of Ron Berger, 6-8 and 285, and Isaac Lassiter, 6-5 and 265.

The linebacking could be improved, although former Dallas property Steve Kiner intercepted four passes. In the secondary Daryl Johnson, although missing the '71 season due to injuries, is a confident cornerman. The Pats are desirous of help in this area and it might be supplied by No. 4 draft choice Ron Bolton of Norfolk State.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things are fine in the counting house in New England. Things also are improving on the field. If Plunkett can pick up where he left off last fall, and there's no reason to think he can't, the Pats will go over .500. Title aspirations in Foxboro? No, not yet—but maybe sooner than you think.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	PATRIOTS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	190	237
NET RUSH	1669	1918
Avg Per Game	119.3	137.0
NET PASS	1887	2154
Att/Comp	330/159	350/170
Had Int	16	15
Avg Per Game	134.8	153.8
PUNTS/AVG	87/37.4	68/37.5
Punt Return Yds	31/161	36/315
Avg Per Return	5.2	8.8
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	64/1354	49/1427
Avg Per Return	21.2	29.1
FUMBLES/LOST	26/16	35/14
FIELD GOALS	12/21	27/34
PATS	28/29	34/35
TOTAL POINTS	239	325

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Plunkett	328/158	16	2158	19
Gladieux	2/1	0	48	0
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vataha	51	872	17.1	9
Garrett	22	253	11.5	1
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Outlaw	3	108	36.0	1
Carwell	4	53	13.2	1
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Garrett	181	784	4.3	2
Nance	129	463	3.6	5
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Janik	87	3250	37.4	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Gogolak	0	28/29	12/21	64
Vataha	9	0/0	0/0	54

New York Jets

(6-8-0)

Going to training camp, the Jets talked about the 1971 season optimistically. Sure, they had injuries in 1970. Joe Namath and Matt Snell were out for the season. George Sauer and Don Maynard were constantly on the sideline. But this was to be a new year. All the injury reports were favorable.

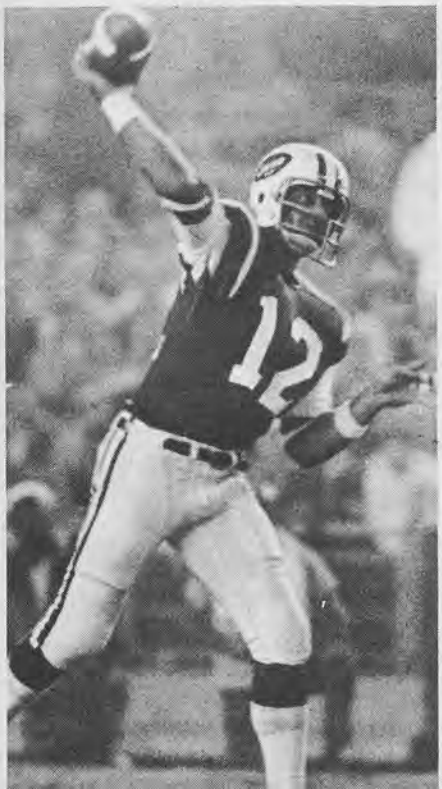
Suddenly, all the bright hopes were over. What Weeb Ewbank saw was a not-so-instant replay of the 1970 season. Namath was injured. Snell was out. Sauer had retired. Elliott, Finnie, Philbin, Atkinson, Baker, Palmer. The injury list sounded like an All-Star role call. Only it was taking place in a hospital, not on the football field.

The Jets finished at 6-8, which is a tribute to Ewbank and his staff. They could have given up. But that is not Ewbank's way. Why, he even risked Namath in the last four games of a hopeless season and Namath endured. This was important to Joe physically and psychologically because he learned how to play with braces on both knees. And now the New Yorkers' fond hopes are present again—if only they can stay out of hospital rooms.

Ewbank insists he is thinking ahead,

Jets	1971 Results	Opp
0	at Baltimore	22
10	at St. Louis	17
14	at Miami	10
0	at New England	20
28	Buffalo	17
14	Miami	30
21	at San Diego	49
13	Kansas City	10
13	Baltimore	14
20	at Buffalo	7
21	San Francisco	24
10	at Dallas	52
13	New England	6
35	Cincinnati	21

Joe Namath
QB, NY Jets



New York Jets Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
82	Arthur, Gary	TE	6-5	230	24	3	Miami, Ohio	14
62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	29	8	Villanova	11
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	228	30	9	Penn St	12
7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	25	3	Idaho St	13
32	Boozer, Emerson	RB	5-11	195	29	7	Maryland St	14
88	Caster, Richard	WR	6-5	222	23	3	Jackson St	14
56	Crane, Paul	LB-C	6-2	212	28	7	Alabama	14
15	Davis, Bob	QB	6-2	205	27	6	Virginia	12
43	Dockery, John	CB	6-0	186	28	5	Harvard	14
55	Ebersole, John	LB	6-3	227	23	3	Penn St	14
80	Elliott, John	DT	6-4	244	27	6	Texas	4
19	Farasopoulos, Chris	S	5-11	190	23	2	Brigham Young	14
61	Finnie, Roger	DT	6-3	245	26	4	Florida A&M	7
70	Foley, Dave	T-C	6-5	255	24	3	Ohio St	14
60	Grantham, Larry	LB	6-0	210	33	13	Mississippi	14
36	Harkey, Steve	RB	6-0	215	23	2	Georgia Tech	14
67	Herman, Dave	G	6-1	255	31	9	Michigan St	14
33	Hicks, W. K.	S	6-1	195	30	9	Texas Southern	13
75	Hill, Winston	T	6-4	270	30	10	Texas Southern	14
64	Hinton, Chuck	DT	6-5	264	33	9	No. Carolina College	12
48	Hollomon, Gus	S	6-3	195	26	5	Houston	11
3	Howfield, Bobby	K	5-9	185	35	5	None	14
63	Kirksey, Roy	G	6-1	265	25	2	Maryland St	4
85	Lammons, Pete	TE	6-3	230	28	7	Texas	14
57	Little, John	DT-DE	6-3	235	25	3	Oklahoma St	14
84	Lomas, Mark	DE	6-4	245	24	3	Northern Arizona	14
13	Maynard, Don	WR	6-1	179	35	14	Texas Western	14
42	McClain, Clifford	RB	6-0	215	24	3	S. Carolina St	11
71	Mooring, John	G-T	6-6	255	25	2	Tampa	14
12	Namath, Joe	QB	6-2	190	29	8	Alabama	4
37	Nock, George	RB	5-10	200	26	4	Morgan St	14
20	O'Neal, Steve	P	6-3	185	26	4	Texas A&M	14
72	Palmer, Scott	DT	6-3	245	24	2	Texas	2
81	Philbin, Gerry	DE	6-2	245	31	9	Buffalo	10
66	Rasmussen, Randy	G	6-2	255	27	6	Kearney St	14
26	Richards, Jim (1)	WR	6-1	180	25	3	Virginia Tech	0
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	233	23	2	Kansas	14
52	Schmitt, John	C	6-4	250	29	9	Hofstra	14
41	Snell, Matt	RB	6-2	219	31	9	Ohio St	5
46	Sowells, Rich	CB	6-0	175	23	2	Alcorn A&M	8
89	Stewart, Wayne	TE	6-7	213	25	4	California	3
22	Studdard, Vern	WR	5-11	175	24	2	Mississippi	7
76	Svihus, Bob	T	6-4	245	29	8	Southern Cal	14
21	Tannen, Steve	CB-S	6-1	194	24	3	Florida	11
45	Thomas, Earlie	CB	6-1	190	26	3	Colorado St	13
27	Wise, Phil	S	6-0	190	23	2	Nebraska-Omaha	14
18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	205	26	4	Duke	5
53	Zapalac, Bill	LB-DE	6-4	225	24	2	Texas	14

(1) Richards in military serivce, 1971.

New York Jets Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1a	Barkum, Jerome	WR-TE	6-3	215	Jackson St.
1b	Taylor, Mike	LB	6-1	230	Michigan
2	Choice to Oakland				
3	Hammond, Gary	WR-DB	5-11	180	SMU
4	Galigher, Ed	DE	6-4	255	UCLA
5	Harris, Dickie	DB	5-11	172	South Carolina
6	Jackson, Joey	DE	6-4	263	New Mexico St.
7	Choice to Washington				
8	Lattimore, Marion	G-K	5-11	240	Kansas St.
9	Ford, Jeff	DB	5-10	178	Georgia Tech
10	Turner, Rocky	DB-WR	6-0	190	Chattanooga
11	Stevesnon, Robert	LB	6-4	210	Tennessee St.
12	Bjorklund, Hank	RB	6-1	195	Princeton
13	Sullivan, Steve	T	6-6	245	North Texas St.
14	Age, Louis	G	6-2	230	SW Louisiana
15	Sullivan, Phil	DB	6-1	196	Georgia
16	Kipfmiller, Gary	C	6-4	360	Nebraska-Omaha
17	Gamble, Ken	P	5-11	166	Fayetteville, N.C.

not back to 1970 or 1971, those Blue Cross years. "Sure, we had a lot of injuries the last two years," agreed Weeb. "As a matter of fact, in all my years of coaching I've never seen anything like it." Twenty-five players, including 10 defensive regulars, lost playing time in games.

"But we don't want to dwell on that," said Ewbank. "Our injury reports are favorable, our bench will be much stronger because of using replacements last year and we just want to make a run for it this year."

OFFENSE: Funny things keep happening to Namath. He broke his right, or throwing, wrist in 1970 and missed the last nine games. In the 1971 pre-season he was hit following a fumble and tore the ligaments in his left knee. When fit, Namath has no peer, not now, perhaps not at any time. Namath, though, is 29 now, an age when injuries are apt to come with greater frequency instead of less. About his immediate future one can only wonder.

Ewbank is doing more than that. He is planning. A year ago he employed three dropback quarterbacks. After Namath was injured last year, Al Woodall started four games, then surrendered to the travelled Bob Davis, who held forth until Namath's return. The youngster who intrigues Ewbank is Gary Hammond, No. 3 draft pick from SMU. In him Weeb sees a potential rollout quarterback. Gary also can be useful as a backup wide receiver, a safety and a kick returner.

If you don't ask, "Who's the quarterback?" on the Jets, you ask, "Who's the tight end?" New York needs one with more speed than Pete Lammons represents. The last time anyone asked him, Ewbank was deliberating between Rich Caster, who has been displaying his 6-5, 222-pound figure on the outside, and Jerome Barkum, a No. 1 draftee, 6-3, 215, from Jackson State. Some people considered Barkum the best thing in the draft. If he isn't aligned at tight end, he'll go outside.

There still is Don Maynard, slowing a bit (only 21 receptions last season) but closing on Raymond Berry's all-time record for most catches. Little Ed Bell also has had some large moments.

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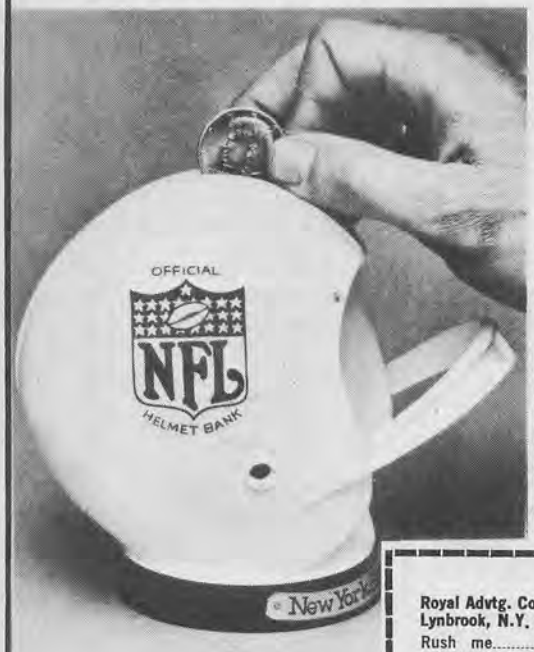

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1972 Schedule

Sep	17	at Buffalo
Sep	24	at Baltimore
Oct	1	at Houston
Oct	8	Miami
Oct	15	at New England
Oct	22	Baltimore
Oct	29	New England
Nov	5	Washington
Nov	12	Buffalo
Nov	19	at Miami
Nov	23	at Detroit
Dec	3	New Orleans
Dec	11	at Oakland (n)
Dec	17	Cleveland

The offensive line is dedicated to one thing: guarding Namath. In his four-game appearance last season, the not so nimble Namath never was caught for a loss. Thank you, Winston Hill, Bob Svihus, John Schmitt, Dave Herman and Randy Rasmussen. Meanwhile, with Namath idled the Jets doted on the running of Emerson Boozer and John Rig-

Don Maynard
WR, NY Jets

Winston Hill
OT, NY Jets

John Elliott
DT, NY Jets

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	JETS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	202	235
NET RUSH	1888	2302
Avg Per Game	134.9	164.4
NET PASS	1379	2055
Att/Comp	279/119	342/163
Had Int	16	13
Avg Per Game	98.5	146.8
PUNTS/AVG	78/38.8	65/38.1
Punt Return Yds	25/155	41/359
Avg Per Return	6.2	8.8
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	55/1168	34/906
Avg Per Return	21.6	26.6
FUMBLES/LOST	30/10	35/14
FIELD GOALS	8/19	14/25
PATS	26/27	35/37
TOTAL POINTS	212	299

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Davis	121/49	8	624	10
Namath	59/28	6	537	5
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Caster	26	454	17.5	6
Maynard	21	408	19.4	2
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hicks	4	46	11.5	0
Atkinson	2	19	9.5	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Riggins	180	769	4.3	1
Boozer	188	618	3.3	5
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
O'Neal	78	3026	38.8	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Howfield	0	25/26	8/19	49
Boozer	6	0/0	0/0	36

gins. Riggins, a bumptious sort, ran for 769 yards and caught for 231—the first time in Jet history one player had led the club in both areas. Boozer bounced for 618 when he was not doing his usual handsome job of pass blocking. Clifford McClain and George Nock are splendid reserves. McClain, a 217-pound flyer, sped 63 yards against Cincinnati for the longest touchdown run ever by a Jet.

Snell is considering retiring. For depth, Ewbank gathered Hank Bjorklund in the draft. Hank was third in the nation in rushing in 1970 and 11th in 1971. Ewbank doesn't mind that he did his running for Princeton against Ivy League opposition.

DEFENSE: "Doctor, doctor!" Ewbank kept hearing this last season when his defense was on the field. Up front, only end Mark Lomas was able to start every game. By the sixth game, the coach had seen All-Pro John Elliott, Roger Finnie and Scott Palmer go out for the season. Gerry Philbin missed four games before returning with a brace on his knee. It reached a low point when Ewbank called upon a used car salesman, Clovis Swinney, to come to the rescue.

The linebackers were similarly reduced as injuries crippled Al Atkinson and Ralph Baker. Nothing ever stops Larry Grantham, it seems. The problem here is depth and the club hopes additional strength will emanate from first-round draft choice Mike Taylor, a 6-1, 230-pounder from Michigan; Bill Zapalac of Texas and Chuck Kyle, a 1968 All-America from Purdue who was a No. 5 choice of Dallas but who has been in Canada the last couple of years.

The secondary isn't much. The names are largely the same (Earlie Thomas, John Dockery, Rich Sowells, Steve Tannen and W. K. Hicks).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Red Cross has been the proper flag to fly over Shea Stadium the past couple years. Now the Jets are well again. They could be super; they could be 6-8, as they were last season. Everything depends on whether Namath and his friends can endure.

Emerson Boozer
RB, NY Jets

Buffalo Bills

(1-13-0)

Football, like the weather, moves in cycles and the Bills have come full cycle in just a decade: back to last place in the league and back to Lou Saban as the man to revitalize their football fortunes just as he did in 1961.

During Saban's original tour of duty as head coach, he took a last place team and, within four years, coached it to consecutive titles in the old AFL in 1964 and 1965. Following the '65 season, however, he left the Bills to assume the head coaching job at the University of Maryland. After a brief stay in the college ranks, Saban moved on to Denver where he served as head coach and interim general manager of the Broncos for a few years.

Bills	1971 Results	Opp
37	Dallas	49
14	Miami	29
0	at Minnesota	19
0	Baltimore	43
17	at NY Jets	28
3	at San Diego	20
23	St. Louis	27
0	at Miami	34
33	at New England	38
7	NY Jets	20
27	New England	20
0	at Baltimore	24
14	Houston	20
9	at Kansas City	22

Now it's back to Buffalo again, and things are about the same as they were back in '61. The Bills were 1-13 last season, the poorest record in the NFL. Last place finishes do qualify a team for early draft choices, however, and the Bills used theirs to grab big Walt Patulski, the defensive end from Notre Dame.

Patulski could be the start towards rebuilding a defense that was, putting it kindly, far too generous last season. The Bills could hold only four opponents to as few as 20 points a game last season, allowing 394 for the year. Saban has a knack for rebuilding defenses so there is hope for this area. Putting an offense together, however, may be a bigger task.

OFFENSE: The Bills were shut out four times last season, a fact any pro team would be ashamed of. Saban's predecessor, Harvey Johnson, began last season thinking he had the hottest young quarterback around in Dennis Shaw. The Bills are no longer so certain. After his splendid rookie season, the Californian threw a lot of interceptions last season, 26 to be exact, compared to only 13 TD passes.

The conservative Saban will probably place less emphasis on the pass and concentrate more on the run, a development that will delight O. J. Simpson. O. J.

Buffalo Bills Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
21	Allen, Jackie	S	6-1	191	23	4	Baylor	14
56	Andrews, Al	LB	6-3	225	26	3	New Mexico St	14
46	Beamer, Tim	CB	5-11	118	23	2	J.C. Smith	12
34	Braxton, Jim	RB	6-2	226	22	2	West Virginia	13
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	178	25	5	Omaha	14
62	Carr, Levert	G-T	6-3	260	27	4	North Central	14
81	Chandler, Bob	WR	6-0	180	22	2	Southern Cal	13
52	Chandler, Edgar	LB	6-3	225	25	5	Georgia	14
73	Cheek, Dick (1)	G	6-3	256	23	2	Auburn	0
79	Costa, Paul	T	6-5	268	29	8	Notre Dame	11
82	Cowlings, Al	DE	6-5	251	24	3	Southern Cal	14
63	Cunningham, Dick	LB	6-2	232	26	5	Arkansas	5
78	Dunaway, Jim	DT	6-4	285	29	10	Mississippi	14
26	Glosson, Clyde (2)	WR	5-11	172	24	2	Texas-El Paso	0
74	Green, Donnie	T	6-8	285	23	2	Purdue	10
43	Greene, Tony	CB	5-10	170	22	2	Maryland	14
59	Guidry, Paul	LB	6-2	230	27	7	McNeese St	14
12	Harris, Jim	QB	6-3	205	23	4	Grambling	7
28	Hill, Ike	WR	5-10	179	24	3	Catawaba	14
40	Hill, J. D.	WR	6-1	193	22	2	Arizona St	5
64	Hurston, Chuck	DE	6-6	240	28	8	Auburn	9
20	James, Robert	CB	6-2	185	24	4	Fisk	14
51	Jarvis, Bruce	C	6-7	245	22	2	Washington	14
36	Jones, Greg	RB	6-1	201	23	3	UCLA	14
10	Jones, Spike	P	6-2	185	24	3	Georgia	13
54	Kindig, Howard	T-C	6-6	262	30	8	Los Angeles St	14
85	Koy, Ted	TE	6-2	215	24	3	Texas	14
	Lens, Greg	DT	6-5	261	26	3	Trinity, Tex.	7
3	Leypoldt, John	K	6-2	224	25	2	None	8
	Marshall, Randy	DE	6-5	237	24	3	Linfield	6
76	McBath, Mike	DE	6-4	251	25	5	Penn St	13
55	McKinley, Bill	LB	6-3	230	22	2	Arizona	7
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-3	205	25	5	San Diego St	12
88	Nunamaker, Julian (3)	DT	6-3	258	25	3	Tennessee-Martin	0
50	Palmer, Dick (4)	LB	6-2	232	24	2	Kentucky	0
30	Patrick, Wayne	RB	6-2	245	25	5	Louisville	14
48	Pitts, John	S	6-4	215	26	6	Arizona St	14
61	Reilly, Jim	G	6-2	260	23	3	Notre Dame	14
47	Richardson, Pete	S	6-0	190	23	4	Dayton	13
87	Ross, Louis	DE	6-6	242	24	2	So. Carolina St	5
16	Shaw, Dennis	QB	6-2	215	23	3	San Diego St	14
32	Simpson, O. J.	RB	6-2	214	24	4	Southern Cal	14
75	Snowden, Cal	DE	6-4	242	24	4	Indiana	14
58	Stratton, Mike	LB	6-3	241	30	11	Tennessee	13
71	Tatarek, Bob	DT	6-4	270	25	5	Miami	14
80	White, Jan	TE	6-2	216	22	2	Ohio St	13
65	Wilson, Mike	G	6-1	240	23	3	Dayton	5
41	Wyatt, Alvin	CB	5-10	181	23	3	Bethune-Cookman	14
68	Young, Willie	T	6-5	262	24	2	Alcorn A&M	14

(1) Cheek Missed entire 1971 Season because of injury.
(2) Glosson last active with Buffalo in 1970.
(3) Nunamaker missed entire 1971 season because of injury.
(4) Palmer missed entire 1971 season because of injury.

Above is Buffalo Bills Vetern Roster

Buffalo Bills Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HGT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Walt Patulski	DE	6-6	252	Notre Dame
2	Reggie McKenzie	OG	6-4	235	Michigan
3	Fred Swendsen	DE	6-3	249	Notre Dame
4	Randy Jackson	RB	6-0	214	Wichita St.
5a	Leon Garror	DB	6-0	175	Alcorn A&M
5b	Robert Penchion	OG	6-5	230	Alcorn A&M
6	None				
7	Ralph Stepaniak	DB	6-2	198	Notre Dame
8	Paul Gibson	DB	6-2	194	Texas-El Paso
9	Steve Vogel	LB	6-6	221	Boise St.
10	Maurice Tyler	DB	6-1	190	Morgan St.
11	Bill Light	LB	6-1	244	Minnesota
12	Jeff Baker	WR	5-10	177	International-Cal.
13	Ed Moss	RB	6-0	206	S.E. Missouri St.
14	Karl Salb	DT	6-3	265	Kansas
15	None				
16	Brian Linstrom	QB	6-3	212	Arizona
17	John Shelley	DB	5-11	190	Oklahoma

somehow managed to gain 742 yards last season behind the Bills' offensive line, but he has repeatedly stated he wants to carry the ball more. Under Saban, he should get his wish.

Wayne Patrick, a 245-pounder, is a big running back in the Saban mold, and he's bound to see more action also. Randy Jackson of Wichita State is the rookie hopeful.

The Bills' offensive line is in desperate need of repair. Quarterbacks Shaw and Jim Harris were sacked 49 times last season for a total loss of 421 yards. Mindful of this, Saban tabbed guard Reggie McKenzie of Michigan as his No. 2 draft choice.

If Saban can construct an offensive front to give the passers some time to throw, the Bills have several fine receivers to catch aerials. J. D. Hill, the former Arizona State whiz, missed most of last season with injuries, but when he did play he was spectacular. On 11 catches, he averaged 19.6 a reception and scored two touchdowns.

Little speedster Marlin Briscoe and rangy Haven Moses are the other wide receivers, with second year man Jan White set at tight end.

DEFENSE: Enemy running backs averaged 4.4 yards a carry against the Bills' defense last season, while opposing quarterbacks completed better than 50 percent of their passes. Cutting down on these figures is a must for Saban.

When Saban left Buffalo after the '65 season, tackle Jim Dunaway and linebacker Mike Stratton were two of his finest players. They're still around now, Dunaway entering his 10th season and Stratton starting his 11th, so Saban will have a couple of his old crew to help him rebuild.

Dunaway will go up front with veterans Al Cowlings and Bob Tatarek, with Patulski moving in at one flank. Rookie Fred Swendson, a teammate of Patulski's at Notre Dame, and Julian Nunamaker, who missed last season with injuries, give support.

Stratton and Edgar Chandler are sure of two linebacking spots, but the situation in the secondary is far more uncertain. Cornerback Bobby James is one of the few bright spots, with rookies Leon Garror and Ralph Stepaniak strong challengers for starting spots.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although we respect Lou Saban, we don't envy him. The Bills' defense is a nightmare while the offense desperately needs a solid blocking interior. He may not bring them out of the division basement this season, but you can be sure that Saban will increase the Bills' victory total over last year.

Dennis Shaw
QB, Buffalo

1972 Schedule

Sep	17	NY Jets
Sep	24	San Francisco
Oct	1	Baltimore
Oct	8	New England
Oct	15	at Oakland
Oct	22	at Miami
Oct	29	Pittsburgh
Nov	5	Miami
Nov	12	at NY Jets
Nov	19	at New England
Nov	26	at Cleveland
Dec	3	at Baltimore
Dec	10	Detroit
Dec	17	at Washington

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	BILLS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	185	250
NET RUSH	1337	2496
Avg Per Game	95.5	178.3
NET PASS	1989	2108
Att/Comp	401/202	303/157
Had Int	32	11
Avg Per Game	142.1	150.6
PUNTS/AVG	75/40.9	66/39.1
Punt Return Yds	44/343	40/446
Avg Per Return	7.8	11.2
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	74/1673	42/971
Avg Per Return	22.6	23.1
FUMBLES/LOST	33/16	25/38
FIELD GOALS	12/23	25/38
PATS	20/21	45/45
TOTAL POINTS	184	394

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Shaw	291/149	26	1813	11
Harris	103/51	6	519	1
REC	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Briscoe	44	603	13.7	5
Moses	28	470	16.8	2
INT	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Wyatt	1	30	30.0	0
James	4	25	6.3	0
RUSH	**ATT**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Simpson	183	743	4.1	5
Patrick	79	332	4.2	1
PUNT	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**BK**
S. Jones	72	2968	41.2	1
SCORE	**TD**	**EP-MA**	**FG-MA**	**PTS**
Leypoldt	0	12/12	9/13	39
Briscoe	5	0/0	0/0	30

AFC CENTRAL

Cincinnati's Jess Phillips takes a handoff from quarterback Ken Anderson.

Cincinnati Bengals

(4-10-0)

When Paul Brown moved into a management position in professional football in Cincinnati, he said he would coach the club only until it had gained a substance he referred to as "stability."

That was in 1968. Here it is, five seasons later, and Brown's brown fedora still is visible in Riverfront Stadium. From this, two things may be deduced: (1) Brown still does not consider the team of which he is part-owner, general manager and coach as stable (2) he thinks it is and he wants to have his name associated with another championship club.

Either supposition can be supported. The Bengals were only 4-10 a year ago, which represented a decline from their division championship campaign of 1970. They were, however, a strong 4-10, if that is possible. Of their defeats, several came in the final minutes. Cincinnati lost six games by four points or fewer.

With a few defensive improvements, Brown trusts his squad can make his 38th season in coaching a more pleasurable experience. Defense is the area which requires strengthening, he has decided.

It also would be nice if Greg Cook could come back at quarterback. You may remember Cook. In 1969 he was a rookie quarterback of rich promise, a tall youngster who could run, think, lead and rifle a football. Then he lamed a shoulder playing basketball or some silly game like that and he has not been seen for two years.

Not long ago, Cook announced his shoulder was no better and he announced his retirement. A little later, he said he planned to have another operation and would try again if his shoulder would cooperate.

A fit Cook would represent a tremendous plus for Cincinnati. Virgil Carter does the job well enough but Cook! Ah, there was a talent!

OFFENSE: You won't even find Cook's name in the Bengals' pre-season prospectus. Carter is the quarterback. He couldn't play for the Bears and you know what the Chicago quarterback situation is but he suits Brown with his maneuverability and his short passes.

Challenging Carter is young Ken Anderson, a 6-2, 211-pounder who showed to advantage last season on the occasions when Virgil was idled by an injury. Anderson possesses a fine arm.

There are a lot of backs—Essex Johnson, Fred Willis, Jess Phillips, Doug Dressler, Paul Robinson and Ron Lamb.

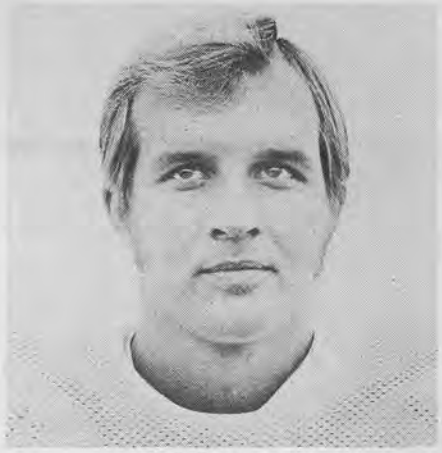
Bengals	1971 Results	Opp
37	Philadelphia	14
10	at Pittsburgh	21
17	at Green Bay	20
13	Miami	23
24	Cleveland	27
27	at Oakland	31
6	at Houston	10
6	Atlanta	9
24	at Denver	10
28	Houston	13
31	San Diego	0
27	at Cleveland	31
13	Pittsburgh	21
21	at NY Jets	35

Paul Robinson
RB, Cincinnati

Cincinnati Bengals Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
52	Adams, Doug	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Ohio St	11
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2	211	23	2	Augustana, Ill.	11
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-0	229	28	6	So. Mississippi	14
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	237	28	5	Southern U.	14
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-3	243	26	4	Arkansas St	14
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-4	250	26	4	Houston	14
70	Carpenter, Ron	DE	6-5	261	24	3	No. Carolina St	14
11	Carter, Virg	QB	6-0	198	26	5	Brigham Young	10
79	Chomyszak, Steve	DT	6-6	269	28	6	Syracuse	14
23	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	28	5	Tennessee St	4
12	Cook, Greg (1)	QB	6-4	215	25	2	Cincinnati	0
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	220	25	4	Pacific	14
34	Craig, Neil	S	6-1	190	24	2	Fisk	12
63	Dennis, Guy	G	6-2	255	25	4	Florida	14
44	Dressler, Doug	RB	6-1	226	24	3	Chico St	14
29	Durko, Sandy	S	6-2	180	24	3	Southern Cal	14
59	Ely, Larry	LB	6-1	230	24	3	Iowa	6
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	262	26	5	Texas	14
35	Haffner, Mike	WR	6-2	205	30	5	UCLA	3
76	Holland, Vernon	T	6-2	270	24	2	Tennessee St	14
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	261	25	5	Tennessee	14
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-10	197	25	5	Grambling	14
80	Johnson, Ken	DT	6-6	265	24	2	Indiana	10
78	Jones, Willie Lee	DT	6-1	260	30	4	Kansas St	5
87	Kelly, Mike	TE	6-3	222	24	3	Davidson	14
40	Lamb, Ron	RB	6-2	225	28	5	South Carolina	12
68	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	23	2	Kansas	7
15	Lewis, Dave	P-QB	6-2	218	26	3	Stanford	14
83	Marshall, Ed	WR	6-4	185	24	2	Cameron	13
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-0	245	28	7	Oregon	14
71	Mayes, Rufus	G	6-5	260	24	4	Ohio St	14
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-0	219	32	5	None	14
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-5	210	27	5	N.W. Oklahoma	10
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	184	24	3	Lincoln U.	14
53	Peterson, Bill	LB	6-3	226	27	4	San Jose St	14
30	Phillips, Jess	RB	6-1	205	25	5	Michigan	14
74	Reid, Mike	DT	6-3	250	25	3	Penn St	14
13	Riley, Ker	CB	5-11	181	24	4	Florida A&M	13
18	Robinson, Paul	RB	6-1	198	27	5	Arizona	14
81	Roman, Nick	DE	6-3	235	24	3	Ohio St	12
31	Smith, Fletcher	S	6-0	185	28	7	Tennessee	14
17	Thomas, Speedy	WR	6-1	170	24	4	Utah	12
84	Trumpy, Bob	WR	6-6	228	26	5	Utah	14
33	Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	212	24	2	Boston College	14
74	Wright, Ernie	T	6-4	270	32	13	Ohio St	7

(1) Cook missed 1970 and 1971 seasons because of injury.



Bob Trumpy
TE, Cincinnati

The receivers also are numerous—veterans Bob Trumpy, Chip Myers, Bruce Coslet, Mike Haffner, Speedy Thomas, Ed Marshall and Mike Kelly and rookies Dan Kratzer, Kent Pedersen, Steve Porter and John Wiegman. After a seven-game losing streak, the Bengals began to move last season when Trumpy, an All-Pro tight end, was shifted to the outside.

The line is young but maturing. Captain Bob Johnson is an accomplished center. Last year's top choices, tackle Vernon Holland and guard Steve Lawson, eventually became starters. Pat Matson, Howard Fest, Guy Dennis, Rufus Mayes and Ernie Wright also figure.

Steve Chomyszak
DT, Cincinnati

As last season progressed, so did Willis, from Boston College and Dressler, from Chico State. They moved into the starting lineup and Willis became the Bengals' leading rusher.

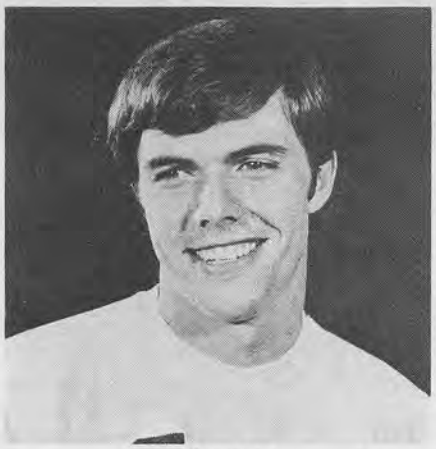
Brown spots his runners wisely. He likes to reserve the fleet Johnson until late in a game when the defense is tiring. In such a role Essex unreeled four touchdown runs of 50 yards or more and averaged 6.1 yards per carry.

"It should be an interesting battle for the starting spots at running back this summer at Wilmington," commented Brown. "We have some good football players at this position. The competition will be a healthy thing."

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at New England
Sep 24	Pittsburgh
Oct 1	at Clevaldn
Oct 8	Denver
Oct 15	at Kansas City
Oct 22	at Los Angeles
Oct 29	Houston
Nov 5	at Pittsburgh
Nov 12	Oakland
Nov 19	Baltimore
Nov 23	at Chicago
Dec 3	NY Giants
Dec 9	Cleveland
Dec 16	at Houston

Mike Reid
DT, Cincinnati



Virgil Carter
QB, Cincinnati

Bob Johnson
C, Cincinnati

Cincinnati Bengals Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	White, Sherman	DE	6-6	255	California
2	Casanova, Tommy	S	6-2	195	LSU
3	Leclair, Jim	LB	6-2	226	North Dakota
4	Jackson, Bernard	CB	6-0	173	Washington St
5	Deleone, Tom	C	6-2	252	Ohio St
6	Choice to Chicago				
7	Conley, Steve	RB-LB	6-2	225	Kansas
8	Kratzer, Dan	WR	6-3	190	Missouri Valley
9	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	270	Syracuse
10	Foster, Brian	CB	5-11	175	Colorado
11	Pedersen, Kent	TE	6-3	255	Santa Barbara
12	Wegis, Frederick	S	6-1	194	San Luis Obispo
13	Hamilton, James	P-QB	6-2	210	Arkansas St
14	Porter, Steve	WR	6-0	185	Indiana
15	Minnieweather, Hosea	DT	6-6	280	Jackson St
16	Wiegman, John	WR	6-3	210	Pomona
17	Green, David	P	5-11	190	Ohio University

DEFENSE: "We went into our draft looking for defensive help and I think we got it," announced Brown. "You can tell from our choices we drafted defensively. Our first four picks were defensive players."

No. 1 was an end, Sherman White, 6-6, 255, of California. "Our feeling was that we needed another big lineman—one who could give us more pass rush—and it looks as if we got him in White," judged the head coach.

"We also needed help at safety and we were very surprised and elated to find Tommy Casanova around in the second round," Brown added. "Our third pick was a linebacker, Jim LeClair, and our fourth was Bernard Jackson, a fine runner we are projecting as a defensive back.

"There also were other defensive players picked on down the line," noted Brown. "So you see we put the emphasis on defense and we hope it pays off."

It should not be inferred the Bengals are planning wholesale defensive shifts. Mike Reid is a superb young tackle. His associates are Steve Chomyszak, Royce Berry and Ron Carpenter. The linebackers, Bill Bergey, Ken Avery and Al Beauchamp, have been together the last two years.

At the cornerbacks are the young and talented Lemar Parrish and Ken Riley. One could be moved to a safety position.

The Cincinnati kicking game, not as effective last year as it was in 1970, probably will be handled again by placekicker Horst Muhlmann, who has a very strong leg, and Dave Lewis. Lewis has won pro football's punting title two years in a row.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Bengals are not the division championship team they were in 1970. They are not the 4-10 club they were a year ago, either. They're in between—but if Cook could come back, so could Cincinnati.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	BENGALS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	236	213
NET RUSH	2142	1778
Avg Per Game	153.0	127.0
NET PASS	2124	2128
Att/Comp	365-214	335-157
Had Int	11	27
Avg Per Game	151.7	152.0
PUNTS/AVG	73-44.7	73-40.9
Punt Return Yds	25-145	41-304
Avg Per Return	5.8	7.4
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	43-863	39-102
Avg Per Return	20.1	26.3
FUMBLES/LOST	29-12	21-12
FIELD GOALS	20-36	14-22
PATS	32-32	31-32
TOTAL POINTS	284	265

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Carter	222/138	7	1624	10
Anderson	131/72	4	777	5
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trumpy	40	531	13.3	3
Coslet	21	356	17.0	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Parrish	7	105	15.0	1
Beauchamp	6	53	8.8	1
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Willis	135	590	4.4	7
E. Johnson	85	522	6.1	4
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Lewis	72	3229	44.8	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	EG-MA	PTS
Muhlmann	0	31/31	20/36	91
Willis	7	0/0	0/0	42

Pittsburgh Steelers

(6-8-0)

The story is told, and perhaps it is apocryphal, that Art Rooney purchased the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1933 with a score he had made at the race track.

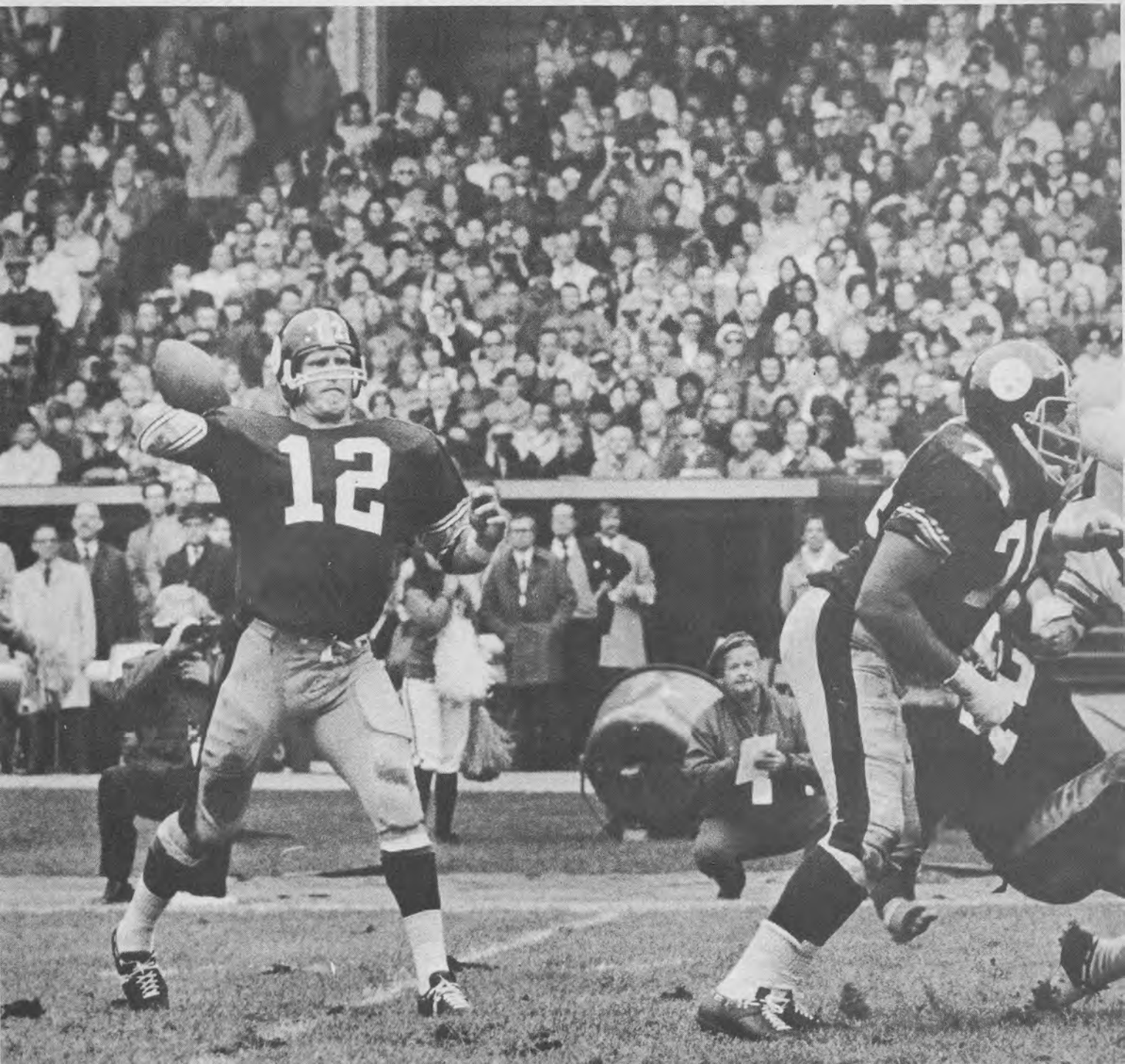
If this be true, Art has been waiting a long time to go to the cashier's window. The Steelers never have come to the wire a winner. Finally, though, the patience of the club's owner and the citizens of Pittsburgh may be rewarded. The Steelers believe they are in a contending position.

Oh, their record last season wasn't that much. But Chuck Noll has been going with youth in his three years in Three Rivers Stadium and his club is just beginning to attain maturity. The quarterback, Terry Bradshaw, has been properly blooded by two active seasons. The team has some talent, and its division, the AFC Central, is not the strongest. A team can jump way up in this competition, as Cincinnati did when it won the thing in 1970.

Noll himself thinks he has a contender. Greater consistency and increased depth are the qualities he discusses, an indication the talent is there.

As the coach sees it—if the team is suc-

Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw is about to uncork a bomb against Cleveland.



Steelers	1971 Results	Opp
15	at Chicago	17
21	Cincinnati	10
21	San Diego	17
17	at Cleveland	27
16	at Kansas City	38
23	Houston	16
21	at Baltimore	34
26	Cleveland	9
21	at Miami	24
17	NY Giants	13
10	Denver	22
3	at Houston	29
21	at Cincinnati	13
14	Los Angeles	23

Pittsburgh Steelers Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
85	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	225	26	4	Pacific	14
58	Allen, Chuck	LB	6-0	225	32	12	Washington	10
49	Anderson, Ralph	CB	6-1	180	23	2	W. Texas St	6
76	Askon, Bert	DE	6-3	220	26	2	Texas Southern	11
28	Austin, Ocie	S	6-3	200	25	5	Utah St	14
46	Bankston, Warren	RB	6-4	235	25	4	Tulane	14
37	Beatty, Charles	S	6-2	205	25	4	N. Texas St	3
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	205	26	4	Notre Dame	6
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	24	3	Southern	14
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	218	24	3	Louisiana Tech	14
74	Brown, John	T	6-2	255	33	11	Syracuse	14
87	Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	225	23	2	Kansas	13
36	Brumfield, Jim	RB	6-1	195	25	2	Indiana St	14
44	Calland, Lee	CB	6-0	190	30	10	Louisville	13
50	Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	23	2	Wake Forest	14
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	235	29	5	Grambling	14
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	28	6	Allen	12
35	Davis, Steve (1)	RB	6-1	215	22	1	Delaware St	0
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	185	25	2	Florida A&M	8
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	200	26	4	Morgan St	13
10	Gerela, Roy	K	5-10	185	24	4	New Mexico St	14
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	270	25	4	N. Texas St	14
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-6	245	25	4	Arkansas AM&N	14
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-3	220	23	2	Penn St	14
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	24	4	Notre Dame	7
77	Holmes, Mel	T	6-3	251	22	2	North Carolina A&T	14
55	Kolb, Jon	T	6-2	262	25	4	Oklahoma St	14
16	Leahy, Bob	QB	6-2	200	26	2	Emporia St	1
43	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	25	2	Grambling	9
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	255	31	10	Washington	14
51	Maples, Bobby	C	6-3	250	29	8	Baylor	3
60	McGee, Ben	DT	6-3	260	33	9	Jackson St	13
72	Mullins, Gerry	G	6-3	235	23	2	Southern Cal	14
54	Onkotz, Dennis (2)	LB	6-2	220	24	2	Penn St	0
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	6-1	205	27	6	Illinois	14
	Post, Dickie	RB	5-9	190	26	6	Houston	7
48	Rowser, John	CB	6-1	185	28	6	Michigan	12
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	31	8	Missouri	14
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	180	24	3	N. Texas St	14
73	Sharp, Rick	T	6-3	265	24	3	Washington	3
88	Smith, Dave	WR	6-2	205	25	3	Indiana, Pa.	14
2	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	186	23	3	Missouri	14
61	Stenger, Brian	LB	6-4	230	25	4	Notre Dame	14
66	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	255	28	7	Missouri	12
65	Voss, Lloyd	DT	6-4	255	30	9	Nebraska	13
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-1	196	23	2	Western Illinois	12
39	Walden, Bobby	P	6-0	190	34	9	Georgia	14
67	Washington, Clarence (3)	DT	6-3	270	25	3	Arkansas AM&N	0
78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	250	23	2	E. Texas St	14
31	Young, Al	WR	6-1	195	23	2	South Carolina St	1

(1) Davis injuried and missed entire 1971 season.
(2) Onkotz last active with N.Y. Jets in 1970.
(3) Washington Injured and missed entire 1971 season.

cessful in making the desired improvements, the results will be a reduction in the number of turnovers, more consistent execution offensively and defensively, and talented people in reserve at all positions so that fatigue and the inevitable injuries do not take an unnecessarily high toll.

OFFENSE: Bradshaw releases a football from behind his left ear. As a rookie, he fell on it—his ear, not the football. As a sophomore, however, the Louisianan began to express the potential which is his. From a completion percentage of 38 in 1970, he raised this figure to a commendable 54. He still throws interceptions—22 last season—but he has reduced these significantly. And he can rifle a football. With his size (Bradshaw is 6-3 and 218) he also is a useful runner, especially in goalline situations. In 1971 he

Pittsburgh Steelers Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Harris, Franco	RB	6-3	230	Penn St
2	Gravelle, Gordon	OT	6-5	250	Brigham Young
3	McMakin, John	TE	6-0	225	Clemson
4a	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-2	235	Wake Forest
4b	Brinkley, Lorenzo	DB	6-0	175	Missouri
5	Furness, Steve	DE	6-4	250	Rhode Island
6a	Hanneman, Craig	DT	6-4	230	Oregon St
6b	Meyer, Dennis	DB	5-11	186	Arkansas St
7a	Kelly, Bob	DB	6-3	209	Jackson St
7b	Colquitt, Joe	DE	6-2	228	Kansas St
8	Vincent, Stahle	RB	6-1	195	Rice
9	Kelley, Don	DB	6-0	175	Clemson
10	Brown, Bob	DE/T	6-4	240	Tampa
11	Gilliam, Joe	QB	6-3	187	Tennessee St
12	Curl, Ron	OT	6-1	250	Michigan St
13	Messmer, Ernie	OT	6-3	225	Villanova
14	Durrance, Tommy	RB	5-11	200	Florida
15a	Harrington, Charlie	G	6-2	245	Wichita
15b	Hulecki, John	G	6-4	230	Massachusetts
16	Hawkins, Nate	WR	6-1	200	Nevada (Las Vegas)
17	Lineham, Ron	LB	6-1	213	Idaho

carried 53 times and had a 4.7 rushing average.

For this season Bradshaw has the further assurance of being aware he is the No. 1 quarterback. Not that there are not challengers. Terry Hanratty returns, Bob Leahy is moving up from the cab squad and the draft supplied, in the 11th round, Joe Gilliam, 6-3, 187, from Tennessee State. Gilliam's arm is rated in a class with Bradshaw's.

Depth is required in the backfield, where the "count" (Frenchy Fuqua), Preston Pearson and Warren Bankston did all the rushing. Injuries idled the colorful Fuqua for two full games and half of two others, and the manpower deficiency was apparent in those situations.

Help is available. On their first draft choice, the Steelers selected Franco Harris, 6-3, 230, from Penn State. Pittsburgh obviously thinks Harris, with his 4.7 speed, has a future—he was the first runner taken in the draft. Steve Davis, a 215-pounder from Delaware State who was a No. 3 selection in 1971, then missed the entire season with a series of illnesses, is awaited and a sleeper might be Dickie Post, the one time Charger whiz. Post has been having knee problems and Noll was able to pick him up on waivers from Houston for the $100 waiver fee.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	Oakland
Sep 24	at Concinnati
Oct 1	at St. Louis
Oct 8	at Dallas
Oct 15	Houston
Oct 22	New England
Oct 29	at Buffalo
Nov 5	Cincinnati
Nov 12	Kansas City
Nov 19	at Cleveland
Nov 26	Minnesota
Dec 3	Cleveland
Dec 10	at Houston
Dec 17	at San Diego

Bradshaw, happily for him, has some accomplished receivers. Ron Shanklin and Dave Smith, both in their third year as starters, are developing into players of rank and as a team were the most productive pair in the NFL with 96 receptions. Shanklin's 49 placed him fourth in the AFC with Smith two spots behind with 47. Noll considers Bob Adams an underrated tight end.

The blocking front is adequate. The names in it are Ray Mansfield, Bruce Van Dyke, Sam Davis, John Brown and Jon Kolb. Gordon Gravelle, 6-5, 250, out of Brigham Young, is a rookie with solid credentials.

DEFENSE: Joe Greene is Mean. Joe Greene also is 6-4 and 270 and people have to be aware of him. His presence at tackle made it possible for two first-time starters, L.C. Greenwood and Dwight White, to make significant contributions at the ends in 1971. Greenwood is 6-6 and

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☐ JOE GREENE	☐ RAY NITSCHKE	☐ DON MAYNARD
☐ JACKIE SMITH	☐ ROMAN GABRIEL	☐ MATT SNELL
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agile. Next to Greene the Steelers have worked a couple of veterans, Ben McGee and Lloyd Voss.

Andy Russell is an outside linebacker of Pro Bowl distinction and opposite him Jack Ham, the Penn State All-America, had a big first season. In the middle Chuck Allen, a veteran of 12 seasons, is wise but not as maneuverable as he once was. Dennis Onkotz, acquired from the Jets midway through last season, could go here if a severely broken leg mends properly. The secondary must be improved. The Steelers regard it as their greatest area of concern.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For the first time in many years, the Steelers have a lot of good football players. If hard-running rookie Franco Harris is able to take some pressure off Fuqua, and the defensive secondary is somehow fortified, the Steelers would be equal to any task.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	STEELERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	226	225
NET RUSH	1758	1482
Avg Per Game	125.6	105.9
NET PASS	2124	2766
Att/Comp	414-214	408-235
Had Int	26	17
Avg Per Game	151.7	197.6
PUNTS/AVG	79-43.7	77-41.5
Punt Return Yds	35-264	46-330
Avg Per Return	7.5	7-2
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	49-1120	45-1002
Avg Per Return	22.8	22.3
FUMBLES/LOST	37-16	26-18
FIELD GOALS	17-27	22-35
PATS	27-28	30-32
TOTAL POINTS	246	292

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Bradshaw	373/203	22	2259	13
Hanratty	29/7	3	159	2
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Smith	47	663	14.1	5
Shanklin	49	652	13.3	6
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Powser	4	94	23.5	1
Wagner	2	53	26.5	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Fuqua	155	625	4.0	4
Pearson	131	605	4.6	0
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Walden	79	3455	43.7	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Gerela	0	27-27	17-27	78
Shanklin	6	0-0	0-0	36

Mean Joe Greene (75) and Chuck Hinton of Steelers storm Buffalo's Dennis Shaw (16).

Cleveland Browns

(9-5-0)

The Browns' Nick Skorich is probably delighted to be right where he is—in the nice, comfortable AFC Central Division. In this less than awesome company, the Browns were the best of the bunch last year. They beat Houston and Cincinnati twice, and Pittsburgh once in divisional scraps, winning a spot in the playoffs.

Playing in the weak Central Division, and against unimpressive non-division foes like New Orleans and New England, played a major factor in getting the Browns to the playoffs. Although they did score victories over Baltimore and Washington, overall Cleveland did not play championship caliber football last season. They finished ninth in the AFC in both offense and defense, weaknesses that were exploited by the Colts in the post-season playoffs.

All this suggests that schedules can be kind things, and the Browns' slate for this season figures to be just as kindly. The fragile knees of quarterback Bill Nelsen,

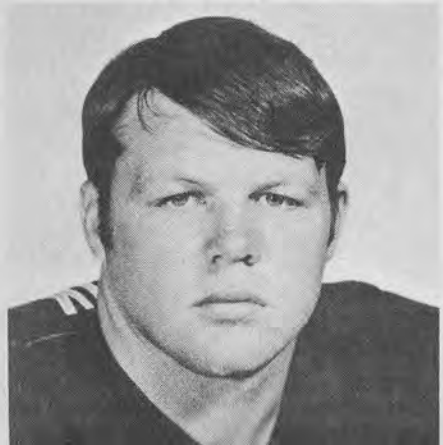
Browns	1971 Results	Opp
31	Houston	0
14	at Baltimore	13
20	Oakland	34
27	Pittsburgh	17
27	at Cincinnati	24
0	Denver	27
14	Atlanta	31
9	at Pittsburgh	26
7	at Kansas City	13
27	New England	7
37	at Houston	24
31	Cincinnati	27
21	at New Orleans	17
20	at Washington	13

Cleveland Browns Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
52	Andrews, Bill	LB	6-0	220	27	6	S. E. Louisiana	14
40	Barnes, Erich	CB	6-3	212	37	15	Purdue	5
84	Briggs, Bob	DE-DT	6-4	258	27	5	Heidelberg	14
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	203	27	3	None	10
21	Brown, Stan	WR	5-9	184	23	2	Purdue	6
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	27	5	Adams St	14
86	Collins, Gary	WR	6-4	215	32	11	Maryland	13
64	Copeland, Jim	C-G	6-2	243	27	6	Virginia	14
33	Cornell, Bo	RB	6-1	215	23	2	Washington	14
28	Davis, Ben	CB	5-11	180	26	5	Definance	13
65	Demarie, John	G	6-3	246	27	6	LSU	13
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5	237	23	2	Illinois	14
50	Garlington, John	LB	6-1	218	26	5	LSU	14
11	Gault, Don (1)	QB	6-2	190	26	2	Hofstra	0
83	Glass, Chip	TE	6-4	235	25	4	Florida St	14
81	Gregory, Jack	DE	6-5	250	27	6	Delta St	14
59	Hall, Charles	LB	6-3	220	24	2	Houston	13
66	Hickerson, Gene	G	6-2	252	36	15	Mississippi	14
54	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	246	28	7	Pittsburgh	11
43	Hooker, Fair	WR	6-1	190	25	4	Arizona St	14
82	Houston, Jim	LB	6-3	236	34	13	Ohio St	14
34	Howell, Mike	S	6-1	195	29	8	Grambling	14
74	Johnson, Mitch	T	6-4	255	30	7	UCLA	11
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	263	29	8	Cal. St-L.A.	14
41	Jones, Dave	WR	6-1	192	25	4	Kansas St	14
80	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	250	24	3	Tennessee St	14
24	Kellermann, Ernie	S	6-0	185	28	7	Miami, Ohio	14
44	Kelly, Leroy	RB	6-0	202	30	9	Morgan St	14
58	Kingrea, Rick	LB	6-1	233	23	2	Tulane	14
51	Lindsey, Dale	LB	6-2	223	29	8	Western Kentucky	14
78	McKay, Rob	T	6-5	260	24	3	Texas	14
89	Morin, Milt	TE	6-4	236	29	7	Massachusetts	14
26	Morrison, Reece	RB	6-0	207	26	5	S. W. Texas St	9
16	Nelsen, Bill	QB	6-0	200	31	10	Southern Cal	14
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-2	208	24	3	Purdue	14
25	Pitts, Frank	WR	6-2	199	29	8	Southern U.	13
22	Scott, Clarence	CB	6-0	180	23	2	Kansas St	13
35	Scott, Bo	RB	6-3	215	29	4	Ohio St	14
72	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-4	258	24	3	Oklahoma St	14
63	Sikich, Mike	G	6-2	243	23	2	Northwestern	3
88	Snidow, Ron	DE	6-3	247	30	10	Oregon	13
20	Summers, Freddie	CB-S	6-1	187	25	4	Wake Forest	1
29	Sumner, Walt	S	6-1	195	25	4	Florida St	14

(1) Gault last active with Cleveland in 1970.

Jerry Sherk
DT, Cleveland



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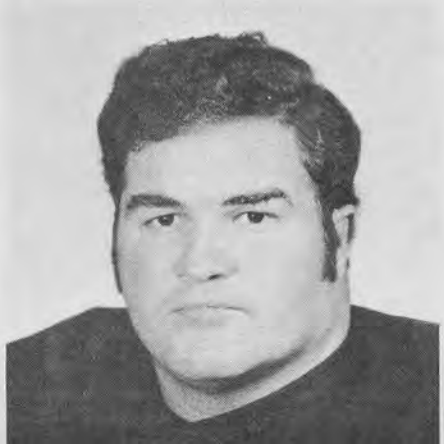

Bill Nelsen
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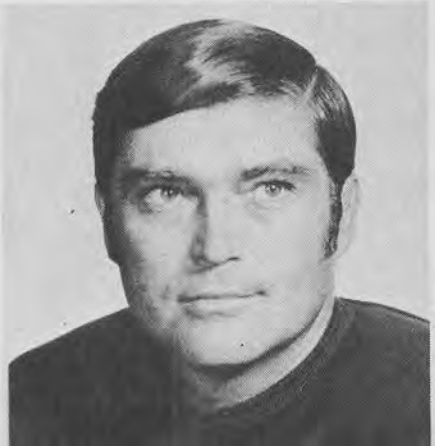


Cleveland's Milt Morin looks back in anger at pursuing Falcons.

Cleveland Browns Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Darden, Tom	CB	6-2	195	Michigan
2a	Brooks, Clifford	CB	6-1	190	Tennessee St
2b	Sims, Lester	DE	6-4	250	Alabama St
3	None				
4	None				
5a	Hunt, George	K	6-1	215	Tennessee
5b	Kucera, Greg	RB	6-3	205	Northern Colorado
6	Forey, Leonard	G	6-3	245	Texas A&M
7	Wesley, Donald	T	6-5	269	Maryland St
8	None				
9a	LeFear, Billy	WR	5-11	197	Henderson St
9b	McKee, Larry	G	6-2	235	Arizona
10	Mosier, Herschell	DT	6-4	265	Northwest Oklahoma
11	Long, Mel	LB	6-1	225	Toledo
12	Chapman, Bernard	CB	6-0	169	Texas-El Paso
13	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	195	San Diego St
14	Stewart, Ed	G	6-3	265	E. Central Oklahoma
15	McCullar, Jewell	LB	6-2	235	Chico St
16	Wakefield, Dick	WR	6-4	205	Ohio St
17	Portz, William	S	6-0	190	Sterling

Fair Hooker
WR, Cleveland

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	Green Bay
Sep 24	at Philadelphia
Oct 1	Cincinnati
Oct 8	Kansas City
Oct 15	Chicago
Oct 22	at Houston
Oct 29	at Denver
Nov 5	Houston
Nov 13	at San Diego (n)
Nov 19	Pittsburgh
Nov 26	Buffalo
Dec 3	at Pittsburgh
Dec 9	at Cincinnati
Dec 17	at NY Jets

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	BROWNS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	231	232
NET RUSH	1558	2227
Avg Per Game	111.3	159.1
NET PASS	2299	1967
Att/Comp	376-118	339-156
Had Int	27	24
Avg Per Game	164.2	140.5
PUNTS/AVG	67-39.9	66-42.1
Punt Return Yds	40-359	26-227
Avg Per Return	9.0	8.7
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	46-1065	55-1252
Avg Per Return	23.2	22.8
FUMBLES/LOST	29-18	31-16
FIELD GOALS	15-28	21-30
PATS	34-34	30-30
TOTAL POINTS	285	273

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Nelsen	325/174	23	2319	13
Phipps	47/13	4	179	1
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hooker	45	649	14.4	1
Morin	40	581	14.5	2
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Howell	2	93	46.5	0
Lindsey	2	50	25.0	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Kelly	234	865	3.7	10
B. Scott	179	606	3.4	9
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Cockroft	62	2508	40.5	2
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Cockroft	0	34/35	15/27	79
Kelly	10	0/0	0/0	60

annually threatening to end his career, and the slow development of replacement Mike Phipps could negate this factor.

OFFENSE: Even if Nelsen's knees hold up for another year, the Browns lack a receiver who is a touchdown threat. Top pass catcher Fair Hooker hauled in 45 last season, but he took only one into the end zone. The other outside receivers, Frank Pitts and Gary Collins, caught only five touchdown passes between them.

The Browns' running attack is first-rate. Leroy Kelly and Bo Scott accounted for 19 of the club's 34 touchdowns last season. Kelly ran for 865 yards, Scott for 606, as the Browns emphasized the running attack in deference to their shaky passing game.

Skorich is obviously counting on Nelsen to do the quarterbacking again. Either that, or hoping for the emergence of Phipps as the type of player for whom you'd forfeit a Paul Warfield, the price the Browns had to pay to get the ex-Purdue star. The Browns didn't tab a quarterback until the 13th round of the college draft when they picked Brian Sipe of San Diego State.

Cleveland's readiness to run is testimony to a solid offensive line which includes Mitch Johnson, Jim Copeland, Doug Dieken, Gene Hickerson, Fred Hoaglin and Bob McKay. Many NFL clubs lack even one tight end of stature, but the Browns have two: Milt Morin and Chip Glass.

DEFENSE: Everyone anticipated that the Browns would use this year's college draft to pick a quarterback or a wide receiver. They fooled everyone by using their first two choices to add pass defenders. Michigan's Tom Darden and Tennessee State's Clifford Brooks have been added to an already solid secondary that intercepted 24 passes last season and ranked well up in the AFC.

This rookie duo will have to vie with solid performers like Walt Sumner, Clarence Scott, Bill Andrews, Ernie Kellermann and Mike Howell for starting berths.

Skorich had problems with his defensive line last season, so he drafted Lester Sims from Alabama State, a 250-pound defensive end. Sims will help Ron Snidow, Jack Gregory and Joe Jones on the flanks. Walter Johnson and Jerry Sherk will handle the tackle spots.

The Browns' linebacking crew won't establish any records for speed. It includes Jim Houston, a 13-year vet, and Dale Lindsey, an 8-year man.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: **Mike Phipps and the defensive line. If both come through this season the Browns should again capture the AFC Central crown. If they don't, Cleveland could have trouble hitting .500.**

Houston Oilers

(4-9-1)

Football coaches come and go. In Houston they mostly go. One of them, Wally Lemm, went twice, which places him one up on Ed Hughes. There goes Ed now, kicking and screaming.

Whether Hughes was fired or quit is a matter of semantics. Ed claimed he was cashiered; the Oilers' stand was that he quit. Either way, he has departed after the customary tenure for a Houston coach, one season, and the new resident of the Astrodome is Bill Peterson.

Peterson has the security of a longtime contract which makes him very rich and he would seem to come well prepared. Though this is the first venture into professional football for Peterson, 48, he has used the pro-style offense for years at Florida State and Rice University. His offense resembles the one favored by Sid Gillman, a leading scholar of the forward pass.

Oilers	1971 Results	Opp
0	at Cleveland	31
16	Kansas City	20
13	New Orleans	13
13	at Washington	22
7	Detroit	31
16	at Pittsburgh	23
10	Cincinnati	6
20	at New England	28
21	at Oakland	41
13	at Cincinnati	28
24	Cleveland	37
29	Pittsburgh	3
20	at Buffalo	14
49	San Diego	33

Too, Peterson has the thrower, or throwers. The one who excites the people is Dan Pastorini, the sophomore from Santa Clara. Tall, trim, the handsome Pastorini has that greatly overused word, charisma. "He is the kind of guy who could draw a crowd playing catch on a street corner," contends general maager John Breen.

The Oilers aren't too certain another second-year passer, Lynn Dickey from Kansas State, is not the equal of Pastorini. For savvy, Peterson has the 12-year veteran, Charley Johnson, who has been having injury problems.

Albert Johnson of Cincinnati might be another name to remember at quarterback. From Houston there have been suggestions the head coach is intrigued by the possibilities of a wishbone or veer-type offense in pro football. Johnson, a rookie signed as a free agent, could be the man to operate it. Some scouts considered him the third best option-type quarterback in the recent draft. But the pros don't draft option-type quarterbacks.

Peterson's club a year ago was 4-9-1. The figure is deceiving. Under Hughes the Oilers won their last three games as Pastorini acquired maturity. "There is a lot of outstanding football talent on this ball

Houston Oilers Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
88	Aldridge, Allen	DE	6-6	260	27	2	Prairie View	13
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6-2	195	23	2	Alcorn A&M	14
48	Atkins, Bob	S	6-3	211	26	5	Grambling	12
81	Beirne, Jim	WR	6-2	196	26	5	Purdue	14
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-3	262	26	5	No. Carolina A&T	14
82	Billingsley, Ron	DT	6-8	290	27	6	Wyoming	13
52	Boyette, Garland	LB	6-1	230	32	9	Grambling	14
73	Brooks, Leo	DT	6-5	255	25	3	Texas-Austin	11
00	Burrough, Ken	WR	6-4	215	24	3	Texas Southern	13
35	Campbell, Woody	RB	5-11	208	28	6	Northwestern	12
25	Charles, John	S	6-0	192	28	6	Purdue	14
87	Cole, Linzy	WR	5-11	172	24	3	Texas Christian	14
59	Croyle, Phil	LB	6-2	223	24	2	California	14
10	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-4	215	23	2	Kansas St	6
75	Drungo, Elbert	G	6-5	250	29	4	Tennessee St	11
74	Ferguson, Gene	T	6-8	300	24	4	Norfolk St	14
66	Funchess, Tom	G	6-5	265	27	5	Jackson St	12
86	Haik, Mac	WR	6-1	192	26	5	Mississippi	4
79	Holmes, Pat	DE	6-5	250	32	7	Texas Tech	14
39	Holmes, Robert	RB	5-9	220	26	5	Southern	8
28	Hopkins, Andy	RB	5-10	175	23	2	Stephen F. Austin	2
36	Hopkins, Roy (1)	RB	6-1	225	27	6	Texas Southern	0
29	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	195	28	6	Prairie View	14
45	Howard, Leroy	CB	5-11	175	23	2	Bishop	7
84	Hughes, Dennis	TE	6-1	220	24	3	Georgia	7
33	Johnson, Benny	CB	5-11	178	24	3	Johnson, C. Smith	10
12	Johnson, Charley	QB	6-1	190	34	12	New Mexico St	14
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	185	25	4	Grambling	14
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	6-3	196	29	6	Lincoln	13
11	Moseley, Mark	K	5-11	182	24	3	Stephen F. Austin	12
37	Olerich, Dave	LB	6-1	225	28	6	San Francisco	14
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-3	215	23	2	Santa Clara	14
58	Pritchard, Ron	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Arizona St	14
89	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-5	235	28	6	Prairie View	14
60	Regner, Tom	G	6-1	255	28	6	Notre Dame	8
85	Rice, Floyd	LB	6-4	225	23	2	Alcorn A&M	14
24	Richardson, Mike	RB	5-10	196	26	4	SMU	7
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-2	255	24	3	Michigan St	3
41	Sledge, Leroy	RB	6-3	230	26	2	Bakersfield JC	6
62	Sturm, Jerry	C	6-3	260	35	12	Illinois	14
76	Suggs, Walt	T-C	6-5	250	33	11	Mississippi St	11
71	Swinney, Clovis	DT	6-3	249	26	2	Arkansas St	4
78	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-6	280	28	7	Montana	14
32	Walsh, Ward	RB	6-0	210	23	2	Colorado	12
77	Walton, Sam	T	6-5	265	29	5	E. Texas St	14
90	Webster, George	LB	6-5	230	27	6	Michigan St	10
92	Wells, Robert (2)	T	6-4	280	27	4	Johnson C. Smith	0
56	Young, Bob	G	6-2	258	30	7	Howard Payne	14

(1) Hopkins missed entire 1971 season because pf injury.
(2) Wells last active with San Diego in 1970.

Houston Oilers Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Sampson, Greg	DE	6-6	245	Stanford
2	Choice to New Orleans				
3a	Jolley, Lewis	RB	6-0	211	North Carolina
3b	Soloman, Freelon	G	6-2	255	Grambling
4	Choice to St. Louis				
5	Choice to Denver				
6a	Bullard, Joe	S	5-11	185	Tulane
6b	Allen, Elmer	LB	6-3	240	Mississippi
7	Hutchinson, Eric	S	6-2	185	Northwestern
8	Roberts, Guy	LB	6-1	223	Maryland
9	Postler, Willie	T	6-6	250	Montana
10a	Dawson, Rhett	WR	6-2	187	Florida St.
10b	Butler, Jim	TE	6-2	219	Tulsa
11	Evans, Ron	T	6-6	250	Baylor
12	Rodgers, Willie	RB	6-1	208	Kentucky
13	Roberts, Willie	CB	6-1	188	Houston
14	Crockett, Gary	C	6-4	241	Lamar U.
15	Choice to Pittsburgh				
16	Murdock, Guy	C	6-2	215	Michigan
17	Cochrane, Kelly	QB	6-2	210	Miami (Fla.)

club and it will be our job to get the most out of it," acknowledged Peterson. "We know there are certain weaknesses but we also realize that with hard work from both the staff and the players we can remedy some of the problems."

OFFENSE: Peterson likes having all that talent at quarterback. "It is a good situation," he appraised. "We will give each quarterback a chance to run the team and show us what he is capable of doing in the pre-season games and then we will decide on a starting quarterback."

His decisions with the remainder of his offense are not so pleasant. Running backs must be located; a line must be stitched together. The Oilers don't even have a center. Everybody has a center.

Potentially, two of the top backs are Roy Hopkins and Willie Armstrong. The trouble with this is that neither played a down in 1971 because of injuries. The Oilers' leading ball carrier was Robert Holmes, who arrived from Kansas City in a trade and scored four of the team's 10 rushing touchdowns.

Hopkins is coming off knee surgery. When healthy, he has ability. Armstrong is 6-2, 225 and swift; he, too, could have a future. A rookie who is said to have NFL skills is the No. 3 draft selection, Lewis Jolley, 6-0, 211, out of North Carolina's 9-2-0 club.

"One of our big needs is for a couple of the running backs to come through in a big way," said Peterson. "We've got to improve our running game from last year."

The line, though, isn't much. There is no seasoned center. Walt Suggs and Sam Walton are the tackles; Elbert Drungo and Tom Regner the guards. Drungo is a good one.

"Our biggest problem is to acquire or develop a center to solidify and anchor the offensive line," analyzed Peterson. "There is a need for improvement and revitalization of overall performance in the line. We must provide better protection for the passer and establish an effective and consistent ground attack. We must develop solid and substantial depth."

The Oilers know Pastorini can pass. Properly protected, they know he has adequate receivers: Charlie Joiner, Ken Burrough, Jim Beirne, Mac Haik and Linzy Cole at the wide spots and big Alvin Reed at tight end. Reed has all-pro skills. Joiner and the dazzingly fast Burrough could be game breakers.

DEFENSE: Houston has a good rush line, not great but good. It has great linebackers, really great, which helps the front four, and it has a super freesafety in Ken Houston. Its defense should be just fine.

Few lines are bigger. The tackles are Ron Billingsley, 6-8 and 290, and Mike Tilleman, 6-6 and 280. The ends are Elvin Bethea, 6-3 and 262, and Pat Holmes, 6-5 and 255. Bethea alone last season accounted for 16 quarterback sacks, which is more than some teams get.

"The front four gave a good account of themselves in 1971 and with a little more dedication they should be in the top echelon in 1972 after finishing fourth in the league last year," said Peterson. It is his linebackers who really delight him, however.

All-Pro George Webster, not long ago voted the premier collegiate linebacker of the decade, is on one side and Floyd Rice on the other. Webster is to be moved to the weakside, where his great speed and pursuit can be better utilized while the

1972 Schedule

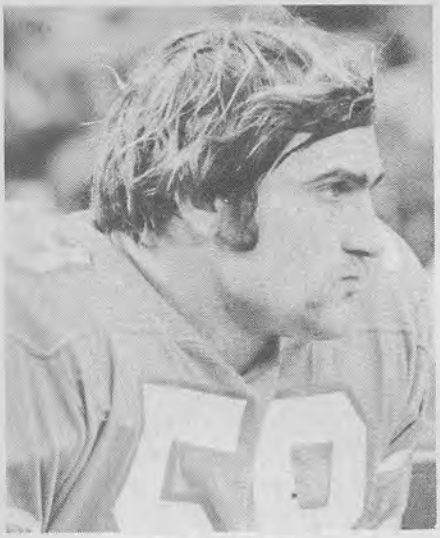
Sep	17	at Denver
Sep	24	at Miami
Oct	1	NY Jets
Oct	9	Oakland (n)
Oct	15	at Pittsburgh
Oct	22	Cleveland
Oct	29	at Cincinnati
Nov	5	at Cleveland
Nov	12	Philadelphia
Nov	19	Green Bay
Nov	26	at San Diego
Dec	3	at Atlanta
Dec	10	Pittsburgh
Dec	17	Cincinnati

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	OILERS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	201	237
NET RUSH	1106	1732
Avg Per Game	78.5	123.0
NET PASS	2409	2072
Att/Comp	423-194	354-180
Had Int	37	23
Avg Per Game	172.0	148.0
PUNTS/AVG	75-40.6	76-42.2
Punt Return Yds	32-198	39-304
Avg Per Return	6.2	7.8
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	59-1409	41-862
Avg Per Return	23.8	21.0
FUMBLES/LOST	24-14	31-14
FIELD GOALS	17-28	24-34
PATS	26-29	36-37
TOTAL POINTS	251	330

1971 LEADERS

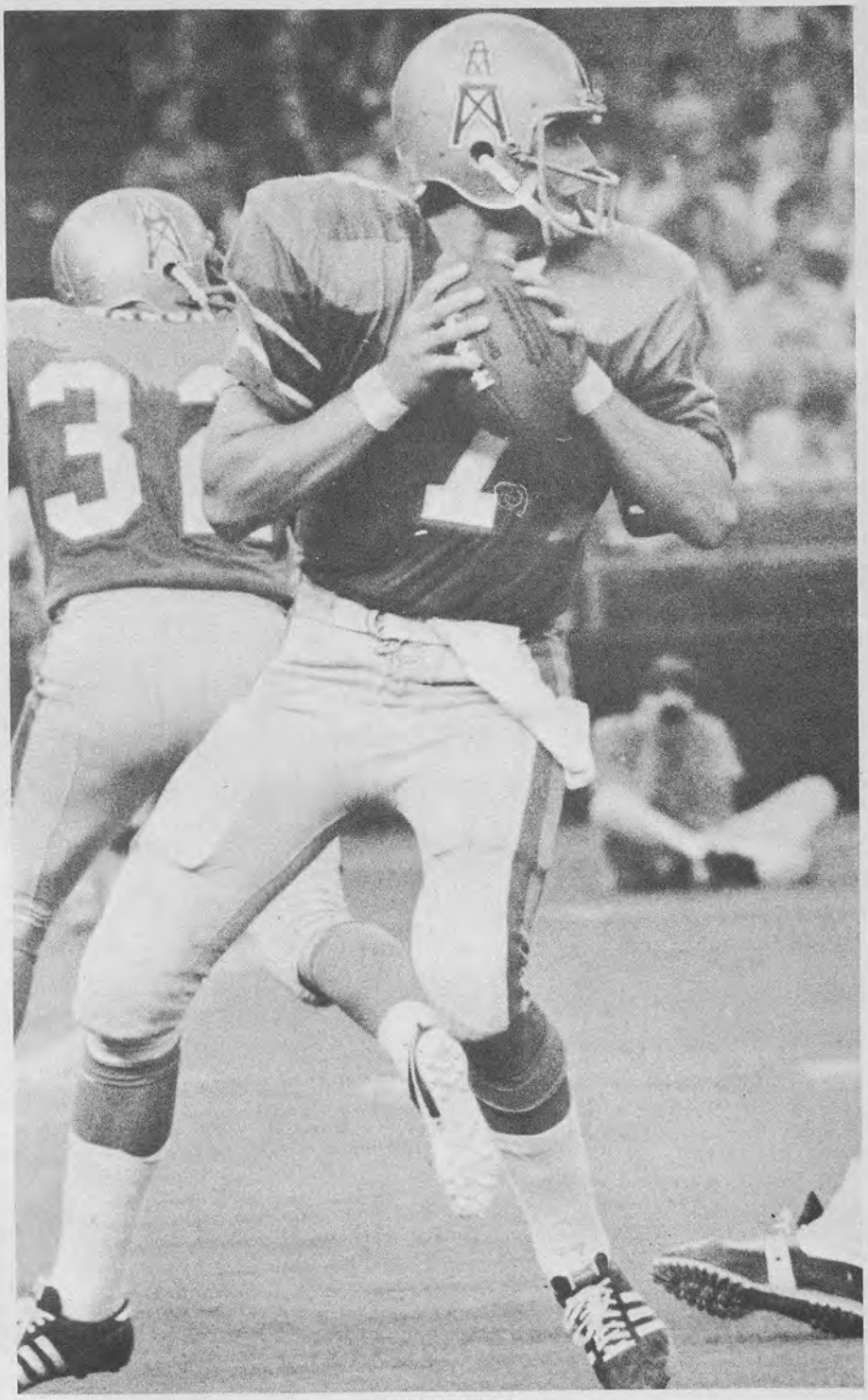
PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Pastorini	270/127	21	1702	7
Johnson	94/46	7	592	3
REC	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Joiner	31	681	22.0	7
Beirne	38	550	14.5	1
INT	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Houston	9	220	24.4	4
Charles	5	94	18.8	0
RUSH	**ATT**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
R. Holmes	112	323	2.8	4
Campbell	96	259	2.7	1
PUNT	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**BK**
Pastorini	75	3044	40.6	1
SCORE	**TD**	**EP-MA**	**FG-MA**	**PTS**
Moseley	0	25/27	16/26	73
Joiner	7	0/0	0/0	42



Ron Pritchard
LB, Houston

Charlie Joiner
WR, Houston

Elvin Bethea
DE, Houston



Dan Pastorini
QB, Houston

225-pound Rice will move in on the strong side. Ron Pritchard, 6-1 and 230, is to go into the middle and he is something else, fierce and quick. Peterson sums it up: "The Oiler linebackers could be as big and fast as any group of linebackers in professional football."

Houston, the player, is going to have a difficult time improving on his last performance, when he ran three interceptions back for touchdowns against San Diego. Zeke Moore and Willie Alexander are among his rangy associates.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Oilers closed strong last season when they won their last three games. This finish should spell momentum in '72. The Houston defense is quite good, particularly against the rush. If an offensive line can be stitched together and the running game improves, this team could contend in its division.

AFC WEST

Oakland's Marv Hubbard (44) blasts for one of three Tds he scored in Raider 31-27 triumph over Cincinnati.

Oakland Raiders

(8-4-2)

You have to be careful what you say about the Raiders. They are very sensitive people, those folks, and it wouldn't do to displease them publicly.

If the Raiders are, well, touchy, there are reasons. After all, one of their players is 45 years old and one tends to become grumpy with age. It also is possible the Raiders have not been properly recognized for what they are—one of the more dominant teams in this game.

Item: Over the past five years, Oakland has the best won-lost record in pro football, 53-12-5, a winning percentage of .815.

Raiders	1971 Results	Opp
6	at New England	20
34	at San Diego	0
34	at Cleveland	20
27	at Denver	16
34	Philadelphia	10
31	Cincinnati	27
20	Kansas City	20
21	at New Orleans	21
41	Houston	21
34	San Diego	33
14	Baltimore	37
14	at Atlanta	23
14	at Kansas City	16
21	Denver	13

Item: Over the past nine years, the Raiders have the second best won-lost record, with only the Baltimore Colts being slightly better.

Item: The Raiders must be expected to continue in their position of excellence. Al Davis wouldn't permit it otherwise.

Al isn't the coach. John Madden is. Davis is the "managing general partner," whatever that is, and he sits up there in Oakland and thinks deeply and very wisely about contingency plans and the like. "Research and development," they are calling it these days. Davis researches and Madden develops, quite well, too.

Only things didn't quite develop last season as John would have preferred. For the first time in five years, the Raiders were not parties to the AFC championship game. Not that it was Madden's fault.

In 1971 all-pro wide receiver Warren Wells was otherwise occupied, varsity rushers Hewritt Dixon and Charlie Smith were lost for the season with injuries and so was guard Jim Harvey. Take away 2,911 yards rushing and receiving, plus 18 touchdowns.

Still, Oakland, which was to finish 8-4-2, was a contender until the last week of the season. "It all boiled down to one game, and finally to one play," said Madden in a reference to a 16-14 loss to Kansas City.

This time Wells is expected to participate, which is nice for Oakland and nice for Daryle Lamonica, the quarterback, because Wells is the sort of receiver who

Oakland Raiders Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
43	Atkinson, George	S	6-0	180	25	5	Morris Brown	14
40	Banaszak, Pete	RB	5-11	210	28	7	Miami	14
50	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	215	27	6	Hamline	14
25	Biletnikoff, Fred	WR	6-1	190	29	8	Florida St	14
16	Blanda, George	QB-K	6-2	215	44	23	Kentucky	14
76	Brown, Bob	T	6-4	280	30	9	Nebraska	10
24	Brown, Willie	CB	6-1	190	31	10	Grambling	14
64	Buehler, George	G	6-2	260	25	4	Stanford	14
89	Buie, Drew	WR	6-0	185	25	4	Catawba	14
87	Chester, Ray	TE	6-3	225	24	3	Morgan St	14
84	Cline, Tony	DE	6-2	240	24	3	Miami	13
55	Conners, Dan	LB	6-1	230	30	9	Miami	14
83	Davidson, Ben	DE	6-8	280	32	12	Washington	14
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	190	23	2	Southern Cal	14
4	DePoyster, Jerry	K	6-1	200	26	3	Wyoming	12
35	Dixon, Hewritt (1)	RB	6-1	230	32	8	Florida A&M	0
46	Enyart, Bill	LB	6-4	235	24	4	Oregon	1
73	Gipson, Tom	DT	6-7	280	24	2	No. Texas St	4
70	Harvey, Jim	G	6-5	255	29	7	Mississippi	11
32	Highsmith, Don	RB	6-0	200	24	3	Michigan St	14
22	Hines, Jimmy (2)	WR	6-1	175	26	2	Texas Southern	0
44	Hubbard, Marv	RB	6-1	225	26	4	Colgate	14
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Maryland St	7
82	Jones, Horace	DE	6-3	240	23	2	Louisville	14
74	Keating, Tom	DT	6-2	247	29	8	Michigan	7
56	Koegel, Warren	C	6-3	260	22	2	Penn St	1
3	Lamonica, Daryle	QB	6-3	215	31	10	Notre Dame	14
42	Maxwell, Tom	CB	6-2	195	25	4	Texas A&M	13
54	Mendenhall, Terry	LB	6-1	210	23	2	San Diego St	14
77	Mix, Ron	T	6-4	250	34	12	Southern Cal	12
88	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	220	23	2	Stanford	14
85	Oats, Carleton	DT	6-3	260	30	8	Florida A&M	12
34	Otto, Gus	LB	6-1	220	28	8	Missouri	8
00	Otto, Jim	C	6-2	255	34	13	Miami	14
67	Rice, Harold	DE	6-2	235	27	2	Tennessee St	12
65	Seiler, Paul	C-T	6-4	260	26	4	Notre Dame	8
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	265	25	5	Maryland St	14
58	Slough, Greg	LB	6-3	230	25	2	Southern Cal	13
13	Sherman, Rod	WR	6-0	190	27	6	Southern Cal	11
23	Smith, Charlie	RB	6-0	205	26	5	Utah	8
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	215	26	3	Alabama	14
31	Tatum, Jack	S	5-10	200	23	2	Ohio St	14
80	Thoms, Art	DT	6-5	250	25	4	Syracuse	14
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	27	6	Texas A&I	14
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-1	222	23	2	Bowling Green	14
20	Warren, Jimmy	DB	5-11	175	33	9	Illinois	14
81	Wells, Warren (3)	WR	6-1	190	29	6	Texas Southern	0
48	Wilson, Nemiah	CB	6-0	190	29	8	Grambling	13

(1) Dixon missed entire 1971 season because of injury.
(2) Hines last active with Miami in 1970.
(3) Wells on retired list in 1971.

Oakland Raiders Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Siani, Mike	WR	6-2	195	Villanova
2a	Vella, John	T	6-4	255	Southern Cal
2b	Korver, Kelvin	DT	6-6	260	Northwestern (Iowa)
3	Lunsford, Mel	DE	6-3	250	Central St (Ohio)
4a	Dalby, Dave	C	6-2	240	UCLA
4b	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	Colorado
5	None				
6	Medlin, Dan	DT	6-3	260	North Carolina St
7a	Pete, Dennis	DB	6-2	180	San Francisco St
7b	Jamieson, Ray	RB	6-0	225	Memphis St
7c	Thomas, Alonzo	DB	6-1	200	Southern Cal
8	None				
9	None				
10	Price, Phil	DB	6-0	185	Idaho St
11	Carroll, Joe	LB	6-1	220	Pittsburgh
12	Gaydos, Kent	TE	6-6	215	Florida St
13	Covington, Ted	WR	6-0	175	San Fernando Valley
14	Cambal, Dennis	RB	6-1	225	William and Mary
15a	Snesrud, Dave	LB	6-1	220	Hamline
15b	Hester, Charles	RB	6-0	205	Central St (Ohio)
16	Wright, Willie	WR	6-4	210	North Carolina A&T
17	None				

gets you handshakes. Lamonica, you may remember, did not have the greatest of seasons in 1971.

OFFENSE: Lamonica has his critics. One hears things: that not all the Raiders are enraptured of his leadership, that he is obsessed with the bomb. All he has done in Oakland, though, is throw 127 touchdown passes over the past five years, 23 more than his nearest competitor (John Hadl) for the period. Daryle has thrown a touchdown pass in 61 of the 69 regular season games he's played as a Raider. And no quarterback has won more games during the last five years.

But five times last season George Blanda was required at quarterback. George is, of course, immortal. On Sept. 17, he'll be 45. Happy birthday, George. Patience. Ken Stabler. Stabler is Oakland's quarterback-in waiting, which can be trying because he has genuine ability. Ask Philadelphia. He hit 11 of 15 against the Eagles.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at Pittsburgh
Sep 24	at Green Bay
Oct 1	San Diego
Oct 9	at Houston (n)
Oct 15	Buffalo
Oct 22	Denver
Oct 29	Los Angeles
Nov 5	at Kansas City
Nov 12	at Cincinnati
Nov 19	at Denver
Nov 26	Kansas City
Dec 3	at San Diego
Dec 11	NY Jets (n)
Dec 17	Chicago

1971 Regular Season Statistics

FIRST DOWNS	258	242
NET RUSH	2130	1751
Avg Per Game	152.1	125.0
NET PASS	2128	2386
Att/Comp	348-174	359-184
Had Int	26	23
Avg Per Game	152.0	170.4
PUNTS/AVG	62-39.9	59-41.7
Punt Return Yds	29-182	26-168
Avg Per Return	6.3	6.5
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	54-1234	55-1155
Avg Per Return	22.9	21.0
FUMBLES/LOST	26-13	26-17
FIELD GOALS	15-22	22-34
PATS	41-42	30-30
TOTAL POINTS	344	278

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Lamonica	242-118	16	1717	16
Blanda	58-32	6	378	5
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Biletnikoff	61	929	15.2	9
Chester	28	442	15.8	7
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tatum	4	136	34.0	0
Warren	2	114	57.0	2
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Hubbard	181	867	4.8	5
Banaszak	137	563	4.1	8
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
De Poyster	51	2013	39.4	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Blanda	0	41-42	15-22	86
Biletnikoff	9	0/0	0-0	54

These were Oakland's offensive problems a year ago: without Wells, it was without its deep passing threat. Without Smith, it had no climax runner at times when Clarence Davis wasn't in the game.

The rushers were Marv Hubbard and Pete Banaszak, a couple of pluggers. Hubbard is a refreshing sort who figures he can gain three of four yards on anybody. "After all, I weigh 225 pounds and I get a head start," he reasons. Marv was sufficiently marvelous to drive ahead for 867 yrds. Banaszak also was reliable. What was needed was somebody to go outside.

Davis can do this. The USC youngster was a rookie find. Smith, though, is being counted upon to come off knee surgery and lend experienced zip to the offense.

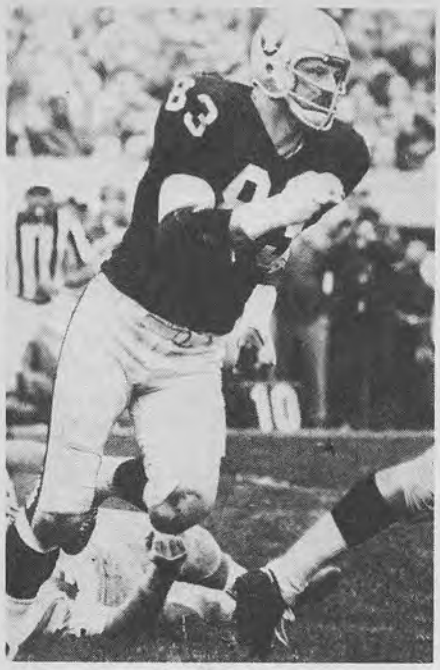
The offensive line is the best in football, which is a large statement but one which would be defended in Oakland. What other team can present four all-pros, Bob Brown, Ron Mix, Gene Upshaw and Jim Otto? George Buehler, Art Shell, Paul Seiler and Warren Koegel aren't so bad, either. Raymond Chester is a super tight end good enough to acquire Pro Bowl distinction as a rookie receiver, as he was in the team's final game. Fred Biletnikoff operates there like an acrobat and Rod Sherman and Drew Buie are useful. Should Wells be, uh, detained, No. 1 draft choice Mike Siani of Villanova would have an opportunity.

DEFENSE: There was a large raising of eyebrows around the NFL when in the draft's second round the Raiders named Kelvin Korver, a defensive tackle from Northwestern in Iowa. Oakland, though, rarely makes bad draft choices and in Korver it recognized a quality it needs in its rush line: size. The boy is 6-6 and 260.

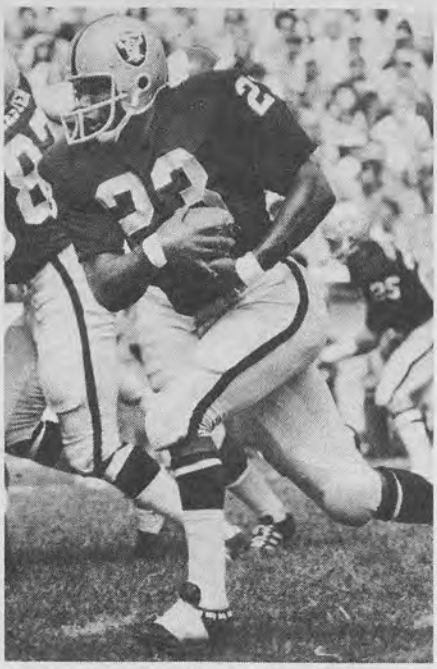
Once, the Raiders came at you with a big rush, but it is becoming a bit frayed. Injuries have robbed Tom Keating of some of his maneuverability and Ben Davidson is no child, having completed 11 professional seasons. A more assertive rush is necessary.

The linebacking is solid with a couple of veterans, Gus Otto and Dan Conners, and Phil Villapiano, who had considerable support as defensive "Rookie of the Year" in the AFC. The secondary has four people who could be cornermen: Willie Brown, Nemiah Wilson, George Atkinson and Jack Tatum. Since there are only two corners, Atkinson and Tatum serve at safeties.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is a super team, superbly managed, superbly prepared. If Wells, Dixon and Smith can perform up to their 1970 standards and if the defensive rush improves, the Raiders could be "Super" winners—Bowl, that is.



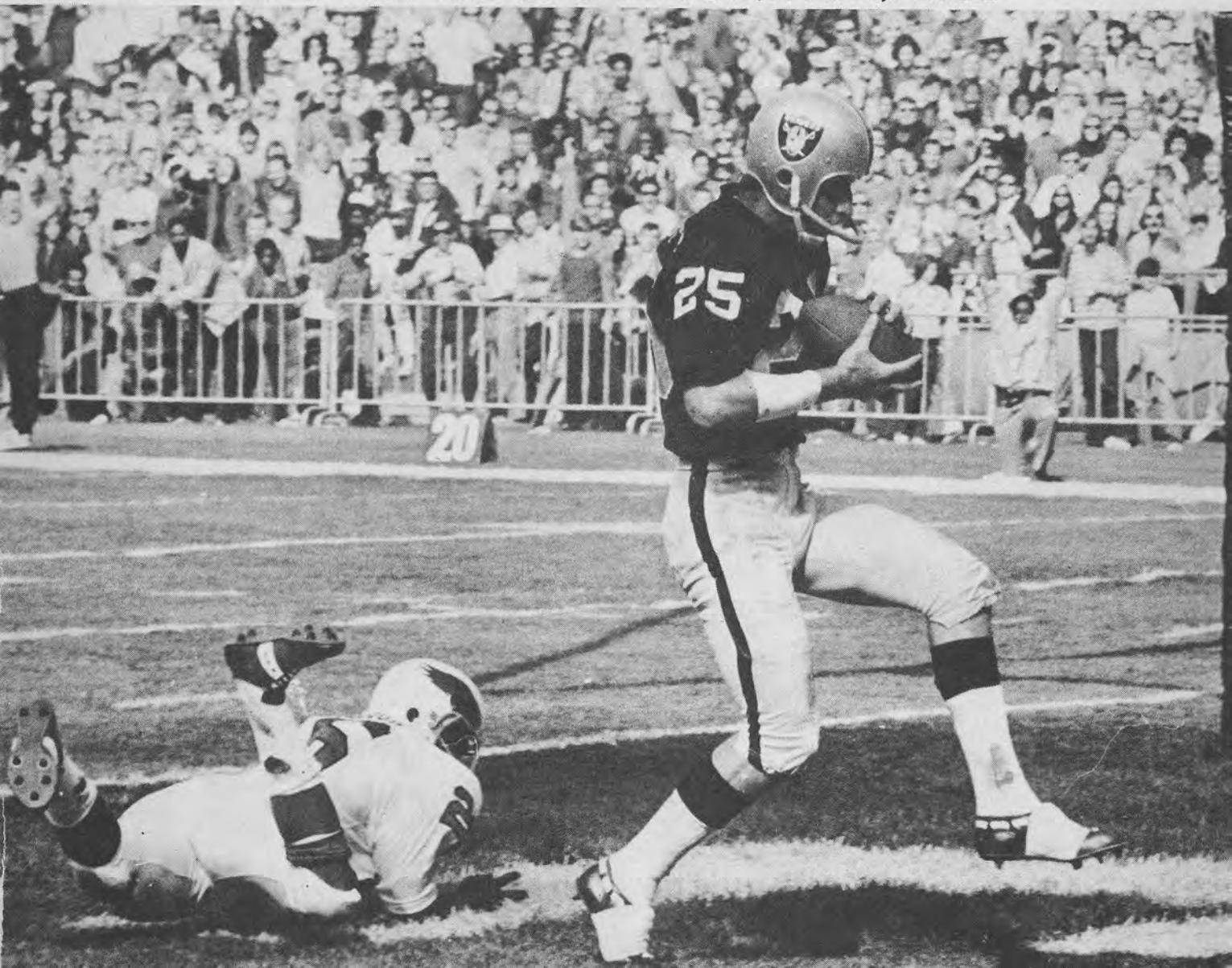
Ben Davidson
DE, Oakland



Charlie Smith
RB, Oakland

George Blanda
QB, Oakland

Raiders' Fred Biletnikoff (25) left Eagles' Al Nelson sprawling after catching TD pass from Daryle Lamonica.



Kansas City Chiefs

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From December through late in March, Kansas City's floating pocket was floating empty. Len Dawson was preparing to call his play.

At length, he called it. He would not retire; he would return. The point that it took him at least three months to make up his mind was, however, somehow symptomatic of the Chiefs. They aren't so young anymore. They must be expected to move more slowly.

Consider. Dawson, the quarterback, is 37, a 16-year veteran. One offensive tackle, Jim Tyrer, is 33; the other, Dave Hill, is 32. Guard Ed Budde is 32. Thirty-two also is the age of linebacker Bobby Bell, defensive tackle Buck Buchanan, running back Wendell Hayes and safety Johnny Robinson. Even outside receiver Otis Taylor, who had such a superb season in 1971, is 30.

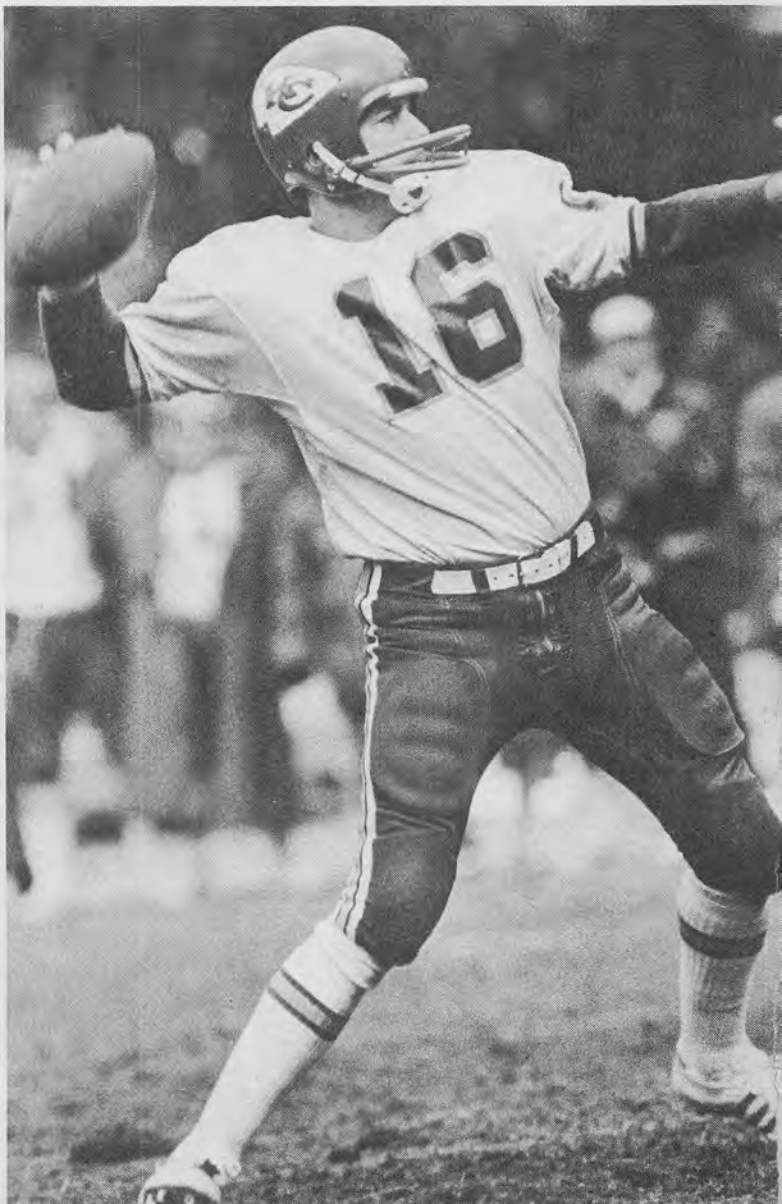
Chiefs	1971 Results	Opp
14	at San Diego	21
20	at Houston	16
16	at Denver	3
31	San Diego	10
38	Pittsburgh	16
27	Washington	20
20	at Oakland	20
10	at NY Jets	13
13	Cleveland	7
28	Denver	10
21	at Detroit	32
26	at San Francisco	17
16	Oakland	14
22	Buffalo	9

Count and you'll discover the Chiefs list 13 athletes of 30 and over. Count again. There is a cadre of splendid younger perormers, people in the image of Aaron Brown, Curley Culp, Willie Lanier, Morris Stroud and Ed Podolak. But in sum this is not a young team and it has been a couple of years since it was a party to the Super Bowl. If not this time, in view of Kansas City's age, then when?

Certainly, this would be a propitious moment for the Missourians to return to the Super Bowl. The classic is to be offered in Los Angeles, where Hank Stram's smoothies were involved in War

Otis Taylor
WR, Kansas City

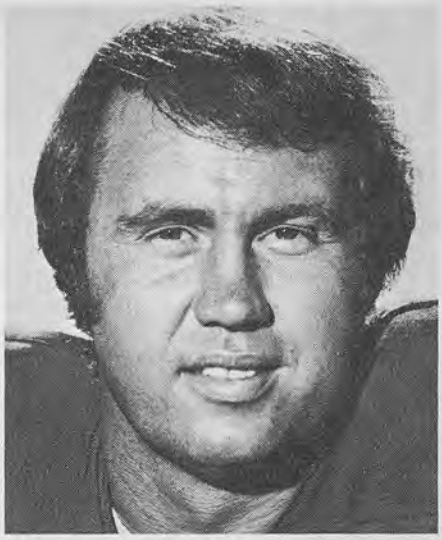
Len Dawson
QB, Kansas City



Kansas City Chiefs Veteran Roster

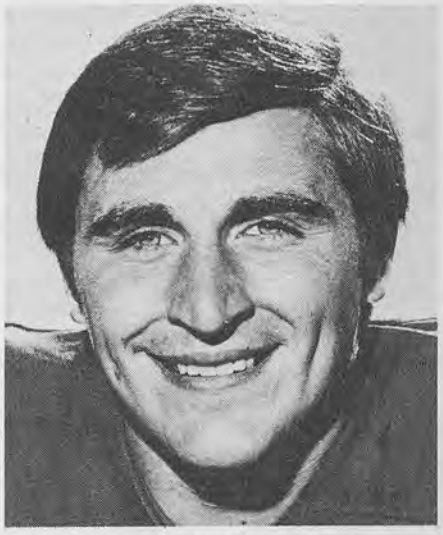
NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
1	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	197	22	2	Northwestern	8
48	Allen, Nathaniel	CB	5-10	170	24	2	Texas Southern	4
78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	32	10	Minnesota	14
24	Belser, Ceaser	LB	6-0	220	27	5	Arkansas AM&N	14
87	Brown, Aaron	DE	6-5	255	28	6	Minnesota	13
86	Buchanan, Buck	DT	6-7	270	32	10	Grambling	14
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	265	32	10	Michigan St	14
61	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	26	5	Arizona St	14
60	Daney, George	G	6-4	240	25	5	Texas-El Paso	14
16	Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	190	37	16	Purdue	14
25	Eischeid, Mike	K	6-0	190	31	7	Upper Iowa	2
83	Frazier, Willie	TE	6-4	234	30	9	Arkansas AM&N	8
	Gagner, Larry (1)	G	6-2	268	28	5	Florida	0
23	Hadley, David	CB	5-9	186	23	3	Alcorn A&M	14
38	Hayes, Wendell	RB	6-1	220	32	8	Humboldt	14
73	Hill, Dave	T	6-5	260	32	10	Auburn	14
21	Homan, Dennis	WR	6-1	181	25	5	Alabama	8
7	Huarte, John	QB	6-0	185	28	7	Notre Dame	1
41	Jankowski, Bruce	WR	5-11	185	23	2	Ohio St	5
46	Kearney, Jim	S	6-2	206	29	8	Prairie View	14
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	28	6	Morgan St	14
10	Livingston, Mike	QB	6-4	212	26	5	SMU	3
82	Lothamer, Ed	DT	6-5	270	30	8	Michigan St	14
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	27	6	Notre Dame	14
6	McVea, Warren	RB	5-9	182	26	5	Houston	12
76	Marsalis, James	CB	5-11	194	26	4	Tennessee St	14
76	Moorman, Mo	G	6-5	252	27	5	Texas A&M	9
50	Oriard, Mike	C	6-4	223	24	3	Notre Dame	14
35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	220	24	3	Ohio St	13
14	Podolak, Ed	RB	6-1	204	25	4	Iowa	13
15	Reardon, Kerry	CB	5-11	180	23	2	Iowa	6
	Rice, Andy	DT	6-1	260	31	6	Texas Southern	12
42	Robinson, Johnny	S	6-1	205	32	13	LSU	14
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	24	3	Northwestern	13
20	Sensibaugh, Mike	S	5-11	192	22	2	Ohio St	7
70	Smith, Sid	T	6-4	260	24	3	Southern Cal	14
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-3	245	24	4	Minnesota	14
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	29	6	Montana St	14
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	255	26	4	Clark College	14
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	215	30	8	Prairie View	14
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	29	7	Bishop	14
77	Tyrer, Jim	T	6-6	280	33	12	Ohio St	14
81	Upshaw, Marvin	DE	6-4	260	25	5	Trinity	14
54	Werner, Clyde (2)	LB	6-4	225	24	3	Washington	9
85	Williams, Charlie (3)	WR	6-3	210	24	3	Prairie View	0
44	Wilson, Jerrel	P	6-4	222	30	10	So. Mississippi	14
17	Wright, Elmo	WR	6-0	190	23	2	Houston	14
99	Young, Wilbur	DT	6-6	285	23	2	William Penn	13

(1) Gagner last active with Pittsburgh in 1970.
(2) Werner missed entire '71 season because of kneee injury.
(3) Williams last active in '70 with Rams.



Ed Budde
OG, Kansas City

Jim Lynch
LB, Kansas City



Ed Podolak
RB, Kansas City

of the Worlds I. This also is the year when the Chiefs are scheduled to occupy their magnificent Arrowhead Stadium, which represents a further stimulus.

Kansas City's greatest motivation, however, is the figures on the players' birth certificates.

OFFENSE: Kansas City has more frills than a Valentine. Beneath all that lace and filigree, however, is stern stuff. Stram's offense isn't as fancy as all those formations would suggest. Perhaps you noticed that the Chiefs, who do things differently, stopped shifting last season about at the time other teams started.

"There no longer is any advantage to it for us," said Hank.

The Chiefs keyed their attack to the no-nonsense thrusts of Ed Podolak and Wendell Hayes, which made Dawson's shots to Taylor all the more effective. Now there is another runner of substance—Nebraska's Jeff Kinney, who is a lot like Podolak, only bigger. Kinney also

frequently is likened to Steven Owens and Owens rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season.

Every year, it seems, Stram brings along another runner. Mike Garrett, Warren McVea, Podolak and Jim Otis have represented his previous projects. This time he not only has a runner for his triple-I but a receiver, tall Andy Hamilton of LSU, taken in the fourth round.

Taylor, of course, had a fantastic 1971 season: 57 receptions, 1,110 yards and seven touchdowns. Elmo Wright was an asset as a rookie. Tall (6-10, 255) Morris Stroud was inconsistent at tight end but Willie Frazier is available now. Willie is an athlete of tremendous gifts, when he chooses to use them, and he is content in Kansas City, where the opportunity to earn playoff and even Super Bowl rewards delights him. Willie didn't have such a chance in Houston and San Diego.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	Kansas City
Sep 25	at New Orleans (n)
Oct 1	at Denver
Oct 8	at Cleveland
Oct 15	Cincinnati
Oct 22	Philadelphia
Oct 29	at San Diego
Nov 5	Oakland
Nov 12	at Pittsburgh
Nov 19	San Diego
Nov 26	at Oakland
Dec 3	Denver
Dec 10	Baltimore
Dec 17	at Atlanta

Dawson still is the perfect instrument for the Stram offense. No one is quicker of hand; no one operates those play-action passes like Dawson. And the offensive line, while aging, has monstrous size and makes few mistakes.

DEFENSE: Like all the good teams, the Chiefs win with defense and never mind the numerous configurations of their offense. Their front four tilts the field: 6-5, 255 Aaron Brown, 6-4, 260 Marvin Upshaw, 6-7, 270 Buck Buchanan, and 6-1, 265 Curley Culp. Unhappily for the remainder of the AFC West, this group should be around for a while since Upshaw is only 25, Culp 26, Brown 28 and Buchanan 32. Behind them is young Wilbur Young, 6-6 and 285, who showed promise as a rookie out of William Penn.

Having Culp in there is like having a grizzly bear at tackle. What Alan Page is to Minnesota and Bob Lilly to Dallas, Culp has come to be for the Chiefs: a dominant lineman.

The linebacking starts with the man in the middle, intelligent, active Willie Lanier. Butkus is the best at his position against the rush; of this there is little argument. But few people would dispute the point that Lanier has no peer at defending against both the rush and the pass. Flanking him are two outside linebackers of impeccable ability, Bobby Bell and Jim Lynch. Bob Stein, 6-3 and 245, would start on many other clubs; on this one he is a reserve.

The secondary hasn't changed in a while, or since Jim Marsalis arrived from Tennessee State four years ago. Opposite Marsalis on the corner is Emmitt Thomas. At safeties are cagey Johnny Robinson, entering his 13th season, and Jim Kearney. No problems here. There are no problems, either, with the kicking game. The placekicker, Jan Stenerud, telescopes the field for the Kansas City offense and Jerrell Wilson has been punting those boomers for 10 years.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Talent, baby. The Chiefs have it, even if it is aging in places. They also have a very kind schedule, as if they needed it. If Kansas City does have a weakness, it has to be its secondary which allowed 207 passing yards per game last year. Of course, opponents were inclined to throw quite often against the Chiefs, since running against them was comparable to 'Brer Rabbit running into the briar patch.

Kansas City Chiefs Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HGT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Jeff Kinney	RB	6-2	215	Nebraska
2	None				
3	None				
4	Andy Hamilton	WR	6-3	191	LSU
5	Milton Davis	DE/LB	6-3	212	Texas-Arlington
6	John Kahler	DT	6-4	240	Long Beach St.
7	Dean Carlson	QB	6-3	210	Iowa State
8	Scott Mahoney	OG	6-3	249	Colorado
9	Dave Taylor	OT	6-4	258	Weber St.
10	Richard Ruppert	OT	6-5	255	Hawaii
11	Elbert Walker	OT	6-3	282	Wisconsin
12	Mike Williams	DT	6-8	278	Oregon
13	J. Tyler Hellams	DB	5-11	166	South Carolina
14	Dave Chaney	LB	5-11	129	San Jose St.
15	Larry Marshall	DB	5-10	195	Maryland
16	Bob Johnson	DE	6-6	240	Hanover
17	Ted Washington	LB	6-2	240	Miss. Valley College

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	CHEIFS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	240	223
NET RUSH	1843	1337
Avg Per Game	131.6	95.5
NET PASS	2347	2506
Att/Comp	337-183	406-209
Had Int	13	27
Avg Per Game	167.6	179.0
PUNTS/AVG	64-44.3	67-39.3
Punt Return Yds	32-150	38-286
Avg Per Return	4.7	7.5
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	44-966	44-994
Avg Per Return	22.0	22.6
FUMBLES/LOST	23-13	16-7
FIELD GOALS	26-45	20-32
PATS	32-32	20-21
TOTAL POINTS	302	208

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Dawson	301/167	13	2504	15
Livingston	28/12	0	130	0
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Taylor	57	1110	19.5	7
Wright	36	524	20.2	3
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Thomas	8	145	18.1	1
Robinson	4	53	13.3	0
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Podolak	184	708	3.8	9
Hayes	132	541	4.1	1
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Wilson	64	2865	44.8	2
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Stenerud	0	32/32	26/44	110
Podolak	9	0/0	0/0	54

San Diego Chargers

(6-8-0)

In 1960 somebody decided to have a lightning bolt zig-zag across the top of the then Los Angeles Chargers' head gears and the symbol became an apt one. Electric! Stunning! Sudden! These were the Chargers.

No more. An anvil presently would be more apropos. The San Diego Chargers have had it with subtlety. Into the trenches, men.

The order comes from the team's new Coach, Harland Svare. Svare had been head coach on a fulltime basis for two or three minutes, at least, one December afternoon in Houston last year before he got around to the thing which was going to most profoundly influence his thinking—the schedule.

The names on it are Baltimore, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Kansas City, Miami, Oakland, and San Francisco. To endure against such competition, Svare figured the San Diegans must be tough, must be disciplined and must be more defense oriented than they have been in more than a decade under the tyro of the pass, Sid Gillman.

Chargers	1971 Results	Opp
21	Kansas City	14
0	Oakland	34
17	at Pittsburgh	21
10	at Kansas City	31
16	at Denver	20
20	Buffalo	3
49	NY Jets	21
17	at NY Giants	35
20	St.Louis	17
33	at Oakland	34
0	at Cincinnati	31
30	Minnesota	14
45	Denver	17
33	at Houston	49

The way the Chargers should look, apparently, is like the Green Bay Packers of the glory days because Svare has loaded his staff with Green Bay people. Three of his coaches, Bob Schnelker, Willie Wood and Forrest Gregg, have Packer histories; so does his evaluator of pro personnel, Phil Bengston; so does a defensive lineman he has brought in, Lionel Aldridge.

The Californians have always doted on

Charger quarterback John Hadl looks for open target against 49ers.

San Diego Chargers Veteran Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	YR	COLLEGE	GAMES IN '71
	Aldridge, Lionel	DE	6-4	245	31	10	Utah St	14
60	Babich, Bob	LB	6-1	232	25	3	Miami, Ohio	14
59	Barnes, Pete	LB	6-1	239	27	6	Southern Cal	14
40	Beauchamp, Joe	CB	6-0	182	28	7	Iowa St	13
56	Bruggers, Bob	LB	6-1	224	28	7	Minnesota	3
13	Clark, Wayne (1)	QB	6-2	205	25	2	U.S. Int'l	0
82	DeLong, Steve	DE	6-2	254	29	8	Tennessee	14
35	Detwiler, Chuck	S	6-0	185	25	3	Utah St	1
28	Dicus, Chuck	WR	6-0	176	24	2	Arkansas	14
14	Domres, Marty	QB	6-4	220	25	4	Columbia	4
77	East, Ron	DT	6-3	236	29	4	Montana St	14
49	Eber, Rick (2)	WR	6-0	185	27	4	Tulsa	0
37	Edwards, Cid	RB	6-2	230	29	5	Tennessee St	12
44	Fletcher, Chris	S	5-11	185	24	3	Temple	14
20	Garrett, Mike	RB	5-9	200	28	7	Southern Cal	13
27	Garrison, Gary	WR	6-2	190	28	7	San Diego St	14
69	Gordon, Ira	T	6-3	268	25	3	Kansas St	14
86	Grant, Wes	DE	6-3	245	26	2	UCLA	2
65	Gruneisen, Sam	C	6-1	250	31	11	Villanova	2
21	Hadl, John	QB	6-1	214	32	11	Kansas	14
80	Hardy, Kevin	DT	6-5	276	27	4	Notre Dame	13
24	Howard, Bob	CB	6-1	175	28	6	San Diego St	14
75	Jones, David	DE	6-5	250	34	11	So. Carolina St	11
58	Jones, Harris	G	6-4	233	27	2	Johnson C. Smith	11
33	Jones, Ray	CB	6-0	185	25	3	Southern U	2
25	LeVias, Jerry	WR	5-10	178	26	4	SMU	14
55	Mauck, Carl	C	6-3	245	25	4	So. Illinois	13
42	McCall,Don (3)	RB	5-11	197	26	6	Southern Cal	0
23	Montgomery, Mike	RB	6-2	210	22	2	Kansas St	11
88	Norman, Pettis	TE	6-3	220	32	11	Johnson C. Smith	14
71	Nowak, Gary	DT	6-5	258	24	2	Michigan St	6
76	Owens, Terry	T	6-6	268	27	7	Jacksonville St	14
32	Parks, Billy	WR	6-1	185	24	2	Cal St-Long Beach	10
29	Partee, Dennis	K	6-1	230	26	5	SMU	14
	Philpott, Ed	LB	6-3	235	26	6	Miami, Ohio	13
47	Queen, Jeff	RB	6-1	217	25	4	Morgan St	14
36	Ray, Eddie	RB	6-2	230	24	3	LSU	4
66	Redman, Rick	LB	6-0	222	28	8	Washington	12
53	Rogers, Mel	LB	6-2	235	24	2	Florida A&M	13
30	Salter, Bryant	S	6-4	194	22	2	Pittsburgh	14
61	Smith, Jeff (4)	LB	6-2	235	29	3	Southern Cal	0
72	Stoepel, Terry (5)	T	6-4	255	26	2	Tulsa	0
89	Strozier, Art	TE	6-2	222	25	3	Kansas St	6
78	Sweeney, Walt	G	6-4	256	31	10	Syracuse	14
85	Tanner, John	LB	6-4	237	27	2	Tennessee Tech	14
73	Thomas, Lee	DE	6-5	246	25	2	Jackson St	9
43	Tolbert, Jim	S	6-4	202	27	7	Lincoln, Mo.	12
70	Washington, Russ	T	6-6	294	25	5	Missouri	14
38	White, Lee	RB	6-4	240	26	5	Weber St	7
53	White, Ray	TE	6-1	242	22	2	Syracuse	14
63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-2	259	24	3	No. Carolina Central	14
31	Williams, Dave	WR	6-2	200	27	6	Washington	13
68	Wojcik, Greg	DT	6-6	268	25	2	Southern Cal	10
83	Wright, George	DT	6-3	265	24	2	Sam Houston St	10

(1) Clark on San Diego move list, 1970 and 1971.
(2) Eber missed entire 1971 season because of injury.
(3) McCall last active with Pittsburgh in 1969.
(4) Smith last active with N.Y. Giants in 1966.
(5) Stoepel last active with Houston in 1970.

the pass and John Hadl threw the football so well in 1971 that the Chargers presented the premier offense in the AFC. Svare wants a different sort of offense, a possession offense, so that his defense won't be exposed so much. He wants to run power sweeps rather than quick pitches. Above all, he wants to improve the defense because Svare was a linebacker as a player (with the New York Giants) and his interest naturally lies in that area.

OFFENSE: Why change it? All the Chargers did last season was average 351 yards per game, 35 more than the club behind them in the AFC, Miami. Their passing offense (avg: 223.9) was light years ahead of anyone else. Hadl was the only quarterback in either conference to throw for more than 3,000 yards. Yet the club finished 6-8. For a sixth straight season, it was third in its division.

The rushing game, Svare has noticed, was only so-so and the defense was awful. Thus, there is to be more running. "We have two good guards," the coach said in a reference to All-Pro Walt Sweeney and Doug Wilkerson. "We should be a good sweeping team."

The offensive line is the club's strength, in Svare's view. It is big, it is young and it can move. It permitted Hadl to be sacked only 19 times in 1971, a remarkable figure considering the frequency with which John was stepping back to pass. If his forward wall can pass block this efficiently, Svare believes they should be able to drive block as well.

In the touchdown positions, the club is plentifully supplied. You start with Hadl, no picture passer but accurate and wise as the 11-year veteran he is. Hadl also is the most durable of quarterbacks, which blights the future of the two performers behind him, Marty Domres and Wayne Clark.

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	at San Francisco
Sep 24	Denver
Oct 1	at Oakland
Oct 8	at Baltimore
Oct 15	at Miami
Oct 22	at Detroit
Oct 29	Kansas City
Nov 5	Dallas
Nov 13	Cleveland (n)
Nov 19	at Kansas City
Nov 26	Houston
Dec 3	Oakland
Dec 10	at Denver
Dec 17	Pittsburgh

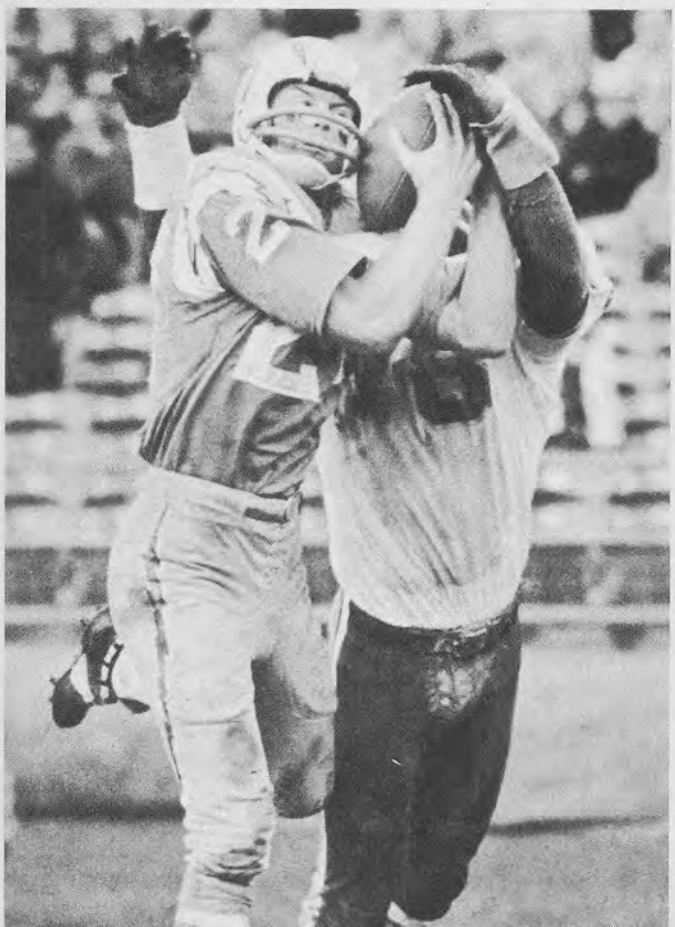
Mike Garrett, Jeff Queen, Mike Montgomery and Cid Edwards, brought in from St. Louis, are the rushers. Svare greatly admires Garrett and Montgomery, a rookie find a year ago out of Kansas State. Monty has a lot of Hornung qualities, which can be useful in the Packer style of the offense.

On the outside is the gifted and underrated Gary Garrison, presently seventh among active receivers in the AFC, plus Billy Parks, Jerry LeVias and Dave Williams. Parks, out of Long Beach State, led the conference through nine weeks before fracturing an arm. LeVias is small but nifty. Williams, obtained from the Cardinals for Walker Gillette, represents an item this club never has possessed; an outside receiver with size. Pettis Norman, an accomplished blocker, is the tight end.

DEFENSE: At one point during the

Pete Barnes, San Diego linebacker, rushes Cincinnati quarterback Virgil Carter.

Chargers' Gary Garrison wins battle for pigskin from Kansas City's Emmitt Thomas.



San Diego's Mike Garrett (25) goes up and over Denver defender.

San Diego Chargers Rookie Roster

(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
11	None				
2	Lazetich, Pete	DE	6-3	245	Stanford
3	McClard, Bill	K	6-0	205	Arkansas
4	None				
5a	Bishop, Jim	TE	6-2	225	Tennessee Tech
5b	Gooden, Harry	DE	6-5	225	Alcorn Arm
6	Ward, Bruce	G	6-3	241	San Diego St
7	None				
8	None				
9	Schmitz, Fran	DT	6-5	250	St. Norbert
10	Kolstad, Lon	LB	6-1	230	Whitewater St
11	Turner, John	TE	6-4	215	Long Beach St
12	Key, Sam	LB	6-3	236	Elon College
13	Selfridge, Andy	LB	6-4	205	Virginia
14	Van Reenen, John	DE	6-7	275	Washington St
15	Neugent, Charles	S	5-11	170	Tuskegee
16	Shaw, Jim	CB	6-3	178	Tulsa
17a	Dragon, Oscar	RB	5-11	196	Arizona St
17b	Tackett, Bob	T	6-4	256	UTEP

off-season, the Chargers listed 18 defensive linemen. Clearly, Svare is looking to make changes and he can begin with the Deacon. David Jones, summoned from Los Angeles. "I think I still am the best and I am going to prove it," promises David. "I am going to breathe fire like a dragon."

Svare could surround Jones with Greg Wojcik (Rams), George Wright (Colts) and Lionel Aldridge (Packers), all acquired through trades. The rookie with a chance is Pete Lazetich, a quick youngster from Stanford taken No. 2. The previous season San Diego has surrendered its No. 1 draft choice to Green Bay for Kevin Hardy, who will be returning following his third annual off-season knee injury. If he isn't traded, Steve DeLong will also have varsity standing.

The linebacking is thin. Bob Babich is a potential superstar in the middle and Pete Barnes has speed and a knack for interceptions on one side. The other side belongs to player-coach Rick Redman. Ed Philpott has been brought in from New England and there is a big rookie, Sam Key, from Elon College.

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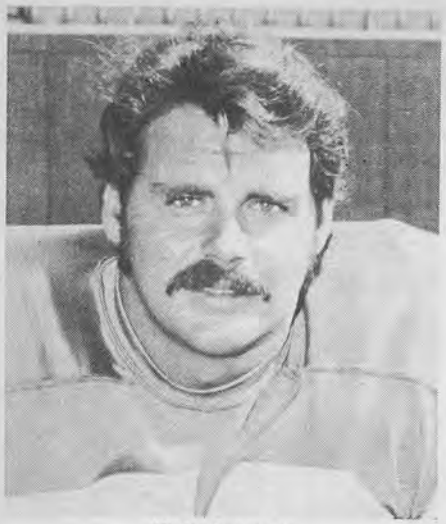

Walt Sweeney
OG, San Diego

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	CHARGES	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	264	272
NET RUSH	1604	2296
Avg Per Game	114.6	164.0
NET PASS	3134	2262
Att/Comp	450-244	347-193
Had Int	28	22
Avg Per Game	223.9	161.6
PUNTS/AVG	55-43.5	67-43.7
Punt Return Yds	37-215	20-40
Avg Per Return	5.9	2.0
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	49-1000	55-1245
Avg Per Return	20.4	22.6
FUMBLES/LOST	30-15	27-10
FIELD GOALS	17-29	11-24
PATS	36-37	44-44
TOTAL POINTS	311	341

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Hadl	431-233	21	3075	21
Domres	12-7	1	97	1
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Garrison	42	889	21.2	6
Parks	41	609	14.9	4
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Beauchamp	4	95	23.8	0
Fletcher	3	63	21.0	1
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Garrett	140	591	4.2	4
Queen	95	318	3.4	4
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Partee	55	2392	43.5	0
SCORE	TD	EP-MA	FG-MA	PTS
Partee	0	36-37	17-29	87
Queen	7	0/0	0/0	42

The pass defense picked up late in 1971 with the arrival at the safeties of Chris Fletcher and Bryant Salter, a couple of aggressive youngsters. Bob Howard and Joe Beauchamp are established at the corners.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Chargers have been trying for six years with offense. Now they seem bent on taking another tack. It is known as defense—and this club seldom has had one. John Hadl's golden arm will receive some support from the ground troops, which should insure better offensive balance and another potent attack. The defense will be improved, particularly against the run. But there still are the Raiders, the Chiefs and that San Diego schedule. It's murder.

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The candidates, reading from the left, are Don Horn, Steve Ramsey and John Stofa. Horn was the man Lou Saban hoped would move the team. The only

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(1) Buckman injured and missed entire 1971 season.
(2) Duranko injured and missed entire 1971 season.
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(4) Meylan last active with Minnesota in 1970.
(5) Stewart active for 1 game with Denver in 1971, did not play.
(6) Stofa last active with Miami in 1970.

item which moved was Saban, who has returned to Buffalo where he had a winner and some luck. He had no luck in Denver.

Horn played nine games for Saban, quite unspectacularly, before going out with a shoulder separation. Ramsey, a stocky youngster who releases the ball so quickly you would think it was burning his hands, did well enough in the last five. Stofa is a journeyman who has the one thing Ramsey does not have—height.

What Ralston could do, of course, is run since he has two rushers of rare ability, Floyd Little and Bobby Anderson. Ralston, though, made his reputation in the colleges as an exponent of the pass. For him to trade for a quarterback of stature would seem advised; he has some defenders a lot of clubs would like to employ.

OFFENSE: Saban is the most con-

Denver Broncos Rookie Roster
(listed in order of selection)

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	COLLEGE
1	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	230	Houston
2	Choice to Los Angeles				
3	Phillips, Bill	LB-G	6-2	243	Arkansas St.
4	Graham, Tom	LB	6-3	236	Oregon
5	Krieg, Jim	WR	5-9	172	Washington
6	None				
7	None				
8	Estay, Ronnie	DT-LB	6-1	233	LSU
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10	Wilkens, Richard	DE	6-2	254	Maryland St.
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15	Parmenter, Skip	T	6-4	254	Massachusetts
16	Bougus, Tom	RB	5-11	210	Boston College
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A flying Dave Washington (56), Denver linebacker, throws Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw for a safety.

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RB, Denver

Broncos	1971 Results	Opp
10	Miami	10
13	at Green Bay (Mil.)	34
3	Kansas City	16
16	Oakland	27
20	San Diego	16
27	at Cleveland	0
16	at Philadelphia	17
20	Detroit	24
10	Cincinnati	24
10	at Kansas City	28
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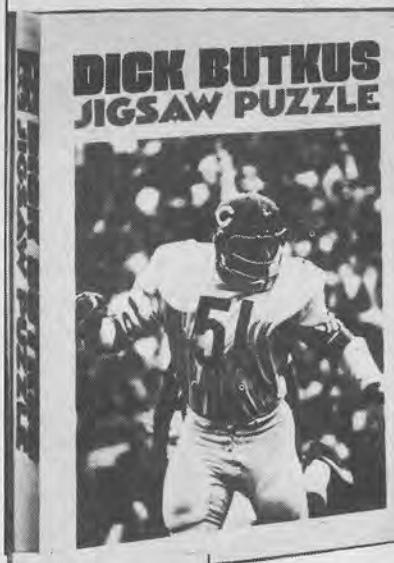

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place on the field, and that will be our goal. We must make the big step from field goals to touchdowns."

Getting the ball to Little is one means of doing this. Lots of folks consider him the best back in the game. Next to him, Anderson is a hustling 215-pounder.

Tight end is another sound area. Billy Masters, with 27 receptions, had a fine season in 1971 and the draft has supplied Denver's No. 1 choice, Riley Odoms, 6-4, 230, out of Houston. Ralston likes to think Odoms can become a star immediately.

The quarterbacks, if they could throw, would have a problem: no one to throw to. Bill Van Heusen and Jack Gehrke have varsity status, but Van Heusen has had his seventh knee operation and Gehrke his first and both are questionable. Dwight Harrison, a heralded rookie of a year ago, has done some good things but has been inconsistent.

There are questions, too, about the offensive line. A starting tackle, Roger Shoals, has retired. Center Larry Kaminski last season suffered a broken leg. Marv Montgomery, a first-round draft pick, saw little action. Sam Brunelli is another forward coming off a broken leg. Mike Current is a fixture at one tackle.

DEFENSE: "Defensively, I am very impressed with some of our players," admitted Ralston, "and we have the ingredients of a fine squad, although we need much more consistent play and fewer mistakes from our linebackers."

The bellwether of the defense is end Richard Jackson, who is known as Tombstone. Jackson last season submitted to knee surgery, as did the other varsity end, Pete Duranko.

"We naturally hope Jackson and Duranko can come back," said the head coach. "If they do, we will have a real battle for the four 'down' linemen spots with those two plus Paul Smith, Dave Costa, Lyle Alzado, Tom Domres and Jerry Inman."

Smith should be better known, but that often is the way it is with people named Smith. This one is 6-3 and 255 and if he isn't as good as Jackson he is close.

The linebacking is slow but solid against the rush. Veterans Fred Forsberg, Chip Myrtle and Olen Underwood finished the season as starters but are to be challenged by Dave Washington, Bill McKoy and Ken Criter. A rookie with intriguing credentials is Bill Phillips, a 6-3,

1972 Schedule

Sep 17	Houston
Sep 24	at San Diego
Oct 1	Kansas City
Oct 8	at Concinnati
Oct 15	Minnesota
Oct 22	at Oakland
Oct 29	Cleveland
Nov 5	at NY Giants
Nov 12	at Los Angeles
Nov 19	Oakland
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243-pounder who was an All-America guard as a junior at Arkansas State. He became a linebacker as a senior but a broken ankle in the first game forced him to sit out the season.

The cornerbacks, Bill Thompson and Leroy Mitchell, are considered as good a pair as theire is in the game. George Saimes and Charlie Greer are the safeties.

A word should be said in recognition of the placekicker, Jim Turner, who succeeded on 25 of 38 field goal attempts. He was six-for-11 from outside the 40.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ralston is a nice man in what likely is the league's strongest division and he has no quarterback. Poor Ralston. Poor Denver.

1971 Regular Season Statistics

	BRONCOS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	217	206
NET RUSH	2093	1834
Avg Per Game	149.3	131.0
NET PASS	2065	1985
Att/Comp	357-175	356-150
Had Int	27	20
Avg Per Game	147.5	141.8
PUNTS/AVG	76-41.8	67-45.7
Punt Return Yds	41-320	45-468
Avg Per Return	7.8	10.4
KICKOFF-RET/YDS	44-960	53-1059
Avg Per Return	21.8	24.6
FUMBLES/LOST	25-12	36-20
FIELD GOALS	25-38	17-34
PATS	18-18	32-32
TOTAL POINTS	203	275

1971 LEADERS

PASS	A/C	INT	YDS	TD
Ramsey	177/84	13	1120	5
Horn	173/89	14	1056	3
REC	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Masters	27	382	14.1	1
Anderson	37	353	9.5	1
INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Thompson	5	83	16.6	0
Forsberg	3	75	25.0	1
RUSH	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Little	284	1133	4.0	6
Anderson	139	533	3.8	3
PUNT	NO	YDS	AVG	BK
Van Heusen	76	3176	41.8	2
SCORE	TD	EP—MA.	FG-MA	PTS
J. Turner	0	18/18	25/38	93
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Denver's Floyd Little takes hand-off from Quarterback Don Horn.

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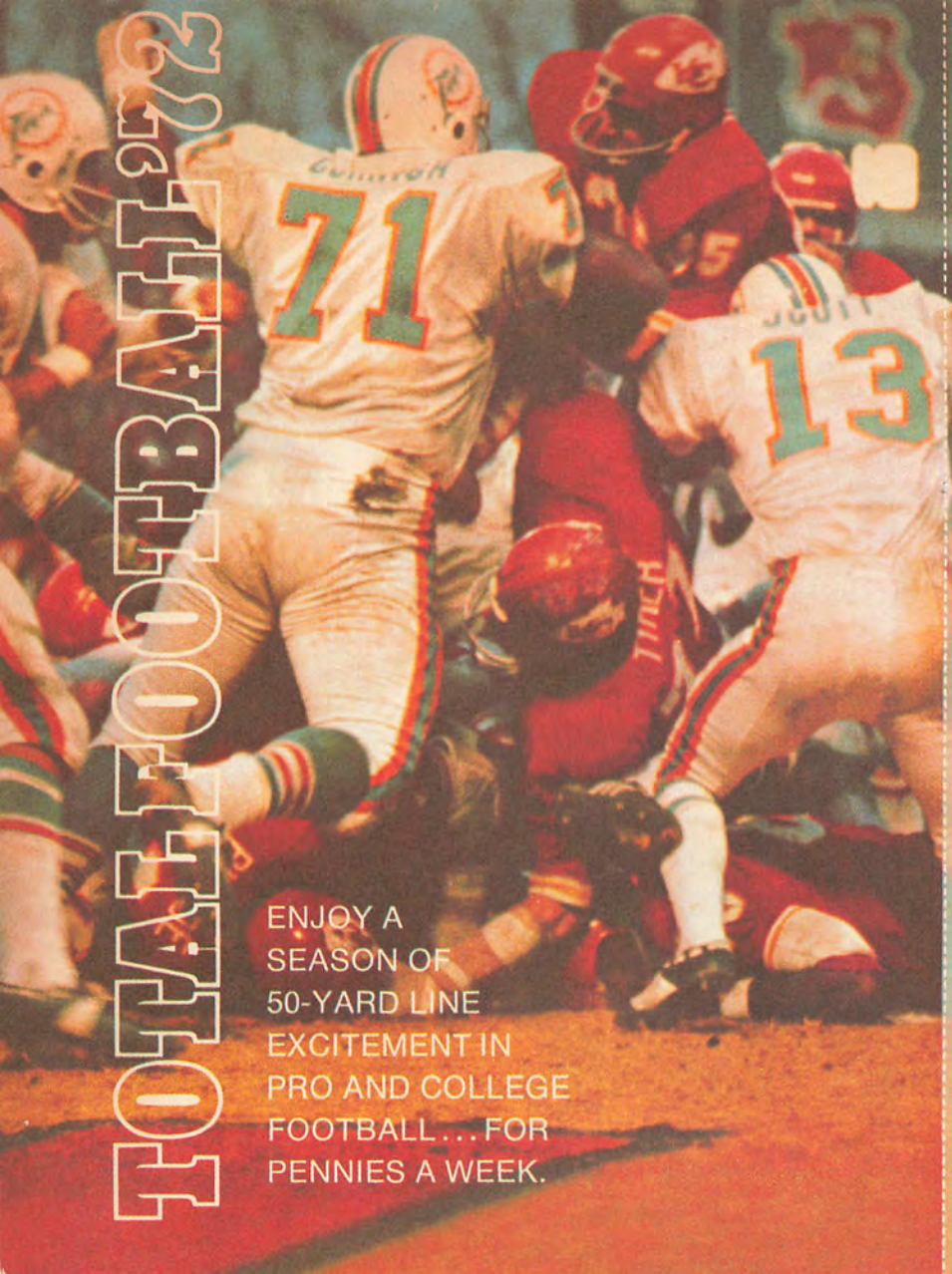

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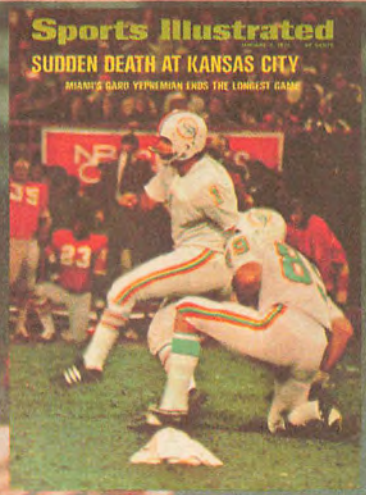

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